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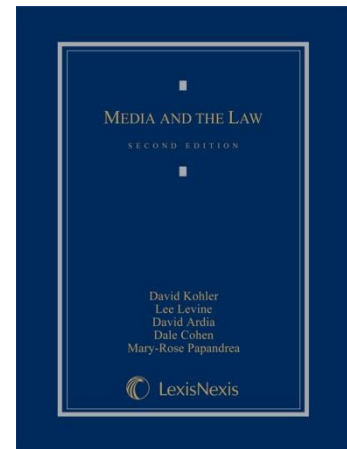
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Media and the Law, Second Edition (2014) focuses on the entire media law landscape and real world problems—in other words, the issues that are most likely to confront media lawyers and journalists in their everyday practices.

The 2014 update includes the following:

- Substantial updates to every chapter, with a particular focus on the legal challenges posed by new communication technologies.
- Expanded coverage of Privacy issues, especially with regard to the collection and dissemination of information on the Internet and through social media.
- New and expanded sections addressing Internet regulatory issues, including Net Neutrality.
- New "International Perspectives" sections integrated throughout the book allow students to see how other jurisdictions approach these issues.
- Many chapters include review problems to help students synthesize the material.

Part I addresses fundamental definitional and constitutional issues. It begins with an examination of how to define the media in the twenty first century, and why definitional constructs matter. It then proceeds to examine the overarching First Amendment principles that set this field of law apart from most others. As former Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart once observed, the press is the only private entity that is explicitly protected by a provision of the American Constitution.

The next two parts of the text constitute its substantive core, examining issues that arise, first, from the dissemination of information and, second, from how information is collected in the first place. The chapters cover media civil and criminal liability as well as certain affirmative rights to access information.

Finally, Part IV examines selected legal issues relating to the media business and the special problems that arise from the electronic dissemination of information.

Each chapter in **Media and the Law, Second Edition (2014)** begins with a short overview that attempts to put the subject addressed in context. The remaining bulk of the chapters consist principally of edited versions of the relevant cases and legal scholarship. It is important for students to read the cases, rather than short summaries of them. Although the latter can certainly help reduce the bulk of a volume, such summaries inevitably sacrifice the nuance and context that often makes an important difference in the resolution of the questions presented.

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