Questions about copyright law? SPLC can help

We know copyright law can feel overwhelming. But understanding which forms of content are and are not protected under the law will save your students and their publication a lot of trouble in the future.

To help break down the intricacies of copyright law, the Student Press Law Center offers an extensive library of resources. We provide anything ranging from answers to your FAQs about copyright law to a sample contract and license between a student media staff member and a student media organization for you to apply in your students’ newsroom.

If you have specific copyright questions you would like to address with an attorney, contact our free legal hotline for support.

Explore Our Copyright Resources

Sarah Mattalian and Abigail Turner overcome roadblocks to accessing information while reporting on strike

Each week, SPLC highlights examples of bold journalism done by high school and collegiate student journalists for our series Behind the Story.

This week, SPLC spoke with Abigail Turner and Sarah Mattalian at The Eagle about their story, “As union members strike, frustrations with contract and wage increases causes tension with University.”

Turner and Mattalian shared their experiences reporting on American University’s Staff Union strike, touching on how they managed multiple sources, balanced facts and emotions in the story, and overcame university officials restricting access to information.

“There’s some censorship, and there’s not always ways to hold the administration accountable,” Mattalian said. “So I think a big part of being a student journalist is knowing who you are representing by being campus media, and the potential that your paper has to create change on campus through reporting.”

Read the Full Interview

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The 2022 National FOI Summit is coming up

Check out the National Freedom of Information Coalition's virtual FOI Summit next week from Oct. 16 through Oct. 20. There are some great resources here for student journalists and advisors. And, we have some familiar SPLC faces hosting sessions, so make sure to register!

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