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LIBEL ON THE EDITORIAL PAGES

November 6-7, 1987

Presented by
The Institute of Bill of Rights Law

at

The Marshall-Wythe School of Law
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

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Writing for the United State Supreme Court in 1974, Justice Lewis Powell stated that there is no such thing as a false idea. Has the promise of that statement been fulfilled?

On November 6-7, 1987, the conference LIBEL ON THE EDITORIAL PAGES will look at the liability that newspapers face for publication of material on the editorial pages. Discussions will focus on the problems encountered in publishing editorials, editorial cartoons, letters to the editor and syndicated opinion columns. Presentations by editors, lawyers, cartoonists, legal and journalism academics, and others will examine the judicial treatment of editorial page libel claims and the effects of such claims on editorial practices. This conference, held at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, is presented by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, with the co-sponsorship of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, the National Conference of Editorial Writers and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law was established at William and Mary in 1982 to support scholarly research on the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment. The Institute sponsors programs to facilitate interaction between the professions of law and journalism. The Institute of Bill of Rights Law was established by a bequest of Laura Lee, who held a lifelong interest in a free press and its role in our society, in memory of her parents, Alfred Wilson Lee and Mary I. W. Lee.

_____ Friday, November 6 _____

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Law School, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Session I, 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

LIABILITY FOR EDITORIALS

PRINCIPAL REMARKS: David A. Anderson

Stanley D. Rosenberg Professor of Law,
University of Texas

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Creed Black, Publisher, *The Lexington Herald-Leader*,
Lexington, Kentucky

Richard M. Schmidt, Cohn & Marks, Washington, D.C.
and General Counsel, American Society of
Newspaper Editors

Ed Williams, Editorial Page Editor, *The Charlotte
Observer*, Charlotte, North Carolina

Richard N. Winfield, Rogers & Wells, New York

Moderator: Gene R. Nichol, Cutler Professor of
Constitutional Law and Deputy Director, Institute
of Bill of Rights Law, College of William and Mary

LUNCHEON

noon, Dodge Room, Phi Beta Kappa Hall

THE HISTORY OF THE POLITICAL CARTOON

Draper Hill, Cartoonist
The Detroit News, Detroit, Michigan

Session II, 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

LIABILITY FOR EDITORIAL CARTOONS

PRINCIPAL REMARKS: Everette E. Dennis, Gannett
Center for Media Studies, New York

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Tony Auth, Cartoonist, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Harriette K. Dorsen, Lankenau, Kovner & Bickford,
New York

Roslyn A. Mazer, Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin,
Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Paul A. LeBel, Professor of Law,
College of William and Mary

_____ **Saturday, November 7** _____
Session III, 9:30 – 12:00 noon

LIABILITY FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND SYNDICATED COLUMNS

PRINCIPAL REMARKS: Marc Franklin, Frederick I.
Richman Professor of Law, Stanford University,
and Douglas A. Anderson, Director, Cronkite
School of Journalism and Telecommunication,
Arizona State University

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Lois G. Forer, Judge, Court of Common Pleas,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Meg Greenfield, Editorial Page Editor, *The
Washington Post*, Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Donald M. Gillmor, Professor of Journalism,
University of Minnesota and Director, Silha Center
for the Study of Media Ethics and Law

REGISTRATION FORM

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College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, VA 23185

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Further inquiries may be directed to: Millie Arthur, (804) 253- 4120.



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Airline connections are available in nearby Newport News, Norfolk or Richmond with regularly scheduled ground transportation to Williamsburg. AMTRAK and Greyhound also provide complete service to the Williamsburg area.

From Richmond, take the Route 60 East exit off Interstate 64. Travel 12 miles south into Williamsburg. The Royce Hotel Williamsburg (formerly the Williamsburg Hospitality House) is located at the corner of Richmond Road and Virginia Avenue, across from the College of William and Mary and two blocks from the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg.

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