



# MEDIA COALITION

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American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression Association of American Publishers, Inc. Comic Book Legal Defense Fund Entertainment Merchants Association  
Entertainment Software Association Freedom to Read Foundation Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. Recording Industry Association of America, Inc.

## VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM MEDIA COALITION

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Media Coalition members and supporters meet monthly in person and by telephone. The meetings are an opportunity for members and supporters to identify looming censorship threats; assess legislative, legal and other responses to those threats; and decide on courses of action.

A meeting agenda and a summary of Media Coalition's legal docket are distributed by email prior to the meeting. Meetings are also an opportunity for members to hear summaries of bills Media Coalition is tracking and discuss responses to them. Minutes are distributed shortly after the meeting.

#### NETWORKING

**Media Coalition brings together some of the leading First Amendment advocates for media issues. The ability to interact with other legal and government affairs professionals and draw on their experience and expertise is one of the greatest benefits of Media Coalition membership.**

### EVERY DAY RESOURCES

- **Website:** MediaCoalition.org provides access to the legislative tracking map, position statements sent to legislators and government agencies, and an extensive archive of legal decisions and related documents. The website is updated frequently with news about Media Coalition activities.
- **Legislative tracker:** Media Coalition's legislative tracker allows members to read short summaries and obtain copies of bills and check for activity. The tracker organizes legislation by state and provides updated information on each bill as it moves through the legislature.
- **Listserv:** Media Coalition uses its listserv to distribute timely alerts on pertinent issues. Analyses of legal decisions, alerts on legislative action, judicial opinions, and notable briefs are distributed through the listserv.
- **Weekly digest:** Media Coalition distributes a weekly email collection of links with short summaries of news articles and commentary on litigation, legislation, and regulation; topics such as libel tourism, third party liability, and reader privacy; media effects research; the activities of pro-censorship groups; and other issues of concern to members.
- **Library:** In addition to the materials available on the website, Media Coalition maintains a library of books and reports, including social science research on media effects, analyses of First Amendment jurisprudence, and histories of free speech controversies.

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