Libel Law

- **Plaintiff Must Prove:**
  - Defamation
  - Identification
  - Publication
  - Falsity
  - Injury
  - Fault

- **Media Defenses:**
  - Truth
  - Fair-Report Privilege
  - Fair Comment and Criticism
Privacy Lawsuits

- **Four Kinds of Invasion of Privacy**
  - Intruding on a person’s seclusion or solitude
  - Giving publicity to private facts
  - Placing a person in a false light
  - Appropriating a person’s name or likeness for one’s own benefit

- **Major Media Defenses in Privacy Lawsuits**
  - Newsworthiness: is the public interested?
  - Public places: did event occur in public or private place?
  - Public records: info found in public record document cannot be deemed private
  - Public proceedings: fair/accurate reporting from official meetings, trials, etc.
  - Consent: permission given to use audio/video/photos?