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Sack on Defamation
Libel, Slander, and Related Problems
Fifth Edition

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Practising Law Institute is proud to publish the new Fifth Edition of *Sack on Defamation: Libel, Slander, and Related Problems*. Like its predecessors, this two-volume work provides comprehensive analysis and thoughtful commentary for anyone who needs to understand the law of defamation and privacy torts.

Cited frequently by courts throughout the United States, previous editions of *Sack on Defamation* have been called “the standard text in the field against which all others must be judged” (Floyd Abrams, Cahill, Gordon, and Reindel) and “absolutely indispensable” (Professor Arthur R. Miller, Harvard Law School).

These volumes offer authoritative guidance on the constitutional principles that have shaped the law, especially since the Supreme Court’s decision in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*; elements of libel and slander, as they vary from state to state; protections available to the press; relevant defenses, privileges, and immunities; privacy torts including false light invasion of privacy, public disclosure of private facts, and others; and damages that may be recovered.

The new Fifth Edition features the latest cases on the standards of liability for private and for public figures, libel by implication, the single-publication rule, and pleading requirements in the federal courts. It offers expanded treatment of anti-SLAPP statutes, updates on privacy torts and “libel tourism,” and much more.

And with a broader view, Judge Sack’s preface to the Fifth Edition assesses the state of defamation law and of the press in a changing political and social environment. It addresses the viability of the traditional concept of a marketplace of ideas in a time of “fake news,” talk of lowering the bar for libel plaintiffs, and the aggressive use of the privacy torts

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to seek recovery for statements not actionable as defamation because they are true.

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