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LSKS has a distinct mission – to represent media organizations, journalists, and other creative professionals in matters involving the content of news and entertainment, advocacy, newsgathering activities, and intellectual property rights. The firm’s mission to protect content stems from our attorneys’ professional backgrounds and their deep commitment to the First Amendment and a free press. Many of our attorneys worked in journalism before beginning their legal careers, and several have served as in-house counsel at leading media companies, including ABC, CBS, NBC, *The New York Times*, and American Media.

From the firm’s four offices – in New York, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Denver – the firm is privileged to serve as regular litigation counsel to a variety of news organizations, digital and interactive media, book and magazine publishers, and entertainment companies handling their defamation, privacy, newsgathering, access, copyright, and related matters around the country. Given its depth of expertise in these fields, LSKS is often sought out for matters that raise particularly challenging legal issues. As a result, LSKS has been involved in some of the most significant litigated First Amendment, intellectual property, and newsgathering disputes of recent years.

Two Florida cases recently litigated by LSKS have drawn perhaps the brightest national spotlight: First, the firm successfully defended NBC against libel claims by George Zimmerman for its coverage of his 911 call the night he killed Trayvon Martin. In addition, LSKS also represents Gawker Media against privacy claims brought by wrestler Hulk Hogan, arising from Gawker’s publication of excerpts from a tape depicting Hogan engaged in an affair with the wife of his friend.

LSKS was also at the center of one of the year’s most-scrutinized media stories when it was asked by the Columbia Journalism Review to serve as counsel to CJR’s investigation, commissioned by *Rolling Stone*, of that magazine’s controversial article about an alleged gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house. And when Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach sued ESPN for defamation in the wake of critical reports about the coach, LSKS obtained decisive wins for the network in both the trial and appellate courts.

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Similarly, when government authorities or public figures attempt to prevent access to information of legitimate concern, LSKS can be found leading the resulting fight. In the last year, the firm has represented the Associated Press in its requests for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails. When Bill Cosby attempted to keep sealed documents filed in a lawsuit against him arising out of his alleged sexual abuse of a Temple University employee, LSKS successfully moved for their release. And LSKS successfully protected reporters' access rights in the Colorado trial of now-convicted Aurora movie theater shooter James Holmes. These cases and the many others like it allow LSKS to vindicate the core principles of the First Amendment, which ensures government transparency and accountability, and public access to the workings of government bodies.

LSKS is also addressing the challenges new technologies pose for media companies. In the past year, LSKS addressed the application of the safe harbor provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act to a website accepting third-party content, represented Twitter in opposing an attempt to reveal the identity of an anonymous user, and won dismissal of claims against a reporter for alleged violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and the Stored Communications Act.

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