Criteria: Understanding of ethical and legal issues for journalists

Project: Compilation of case briefs

Course: JOU 303: Media Law and Ethics

Assignment Criteria: In this class, we learned about the laws surrounding media today and court cases involving these laws. After covering such information, we then wrote simple briefs on related cases. They were meant to be brief but informative, showing that we understood the material.

Audience: These briefs were turned in almost weekly to our professor, a way to show we were involved in the class and that we could comprehend the text and assignments.

My Contribution: Using the case information given in class, I found other briefs and reviews online and also information on the laws and decisions in our textbook to create small briefs that explain the trial, the reasons for it, the decision, and the outcome.

Publication History: These briefs have not been published anywhere; they were simply submitted to my professor each week as a comprehension assignment.

Reworking of Publications: I edited only one of these, only to make it a little more understandable; the language in it previously was muddled so I simplified it. I sometimes wish they were longer, but I also worry that too much information would overwhelm a reader and make it more difficult to grasp. So I leave them short to ensure they are easily understood.