

Joe Terry and Steve Fuzesi Appointed Co-Chairs of First Amendment & Media Practice

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Williams & Connolly is pleased to announce the appointment of partners **Joseph Terry** and **Stephen Fuzesi** as Co-Chairs of the firm's **First Amendment and Media** practice group. Joe and Steve join **Thomas Hentoff** as Co-Chairs. "We are proud that Joe and Steve have joined the leadership of our First Amendment and Media practice group," said Managing Partner **Hack Wiegmann**. "Both are accomplished partners with many years' experience representing our media clients in high profile and high stakes cases." Joe and Steve succeed former practice group Co-Chair Kevin Baine, who remains actively involved in the practice.

William & Connolly's First Amendment and Media practice group is continuing to see impressive success. Major industry corporations, such as *The Washington Post*, CNN, HBO, The Fox Corporation, The Walt Disney Co., and the Motion Picture Association of America, have placed their trust in the firm's stellar representation capabilities. The firm has defended hundreds of cases involving the defense of claims for libel, invasion of privacy, and related torts. We have also represented media organizations in numerous copyright, employment, antitrust, and trade practices cases.

Joe Terry focuses his practice on complex, high-stakes litigation. He has extensive experience representing media companies in state and federal courts across the country, in matters ranging from defamation defense and counseling to international criminal investigations.

Steve Fuzesi's practice focuses on complex civil litigation, frequently involving high-stakes matters, and emphasizes the defense of clients in First Amendment and professional liability litigation. Steve has significant experience representing media companies and journalists in a variety of matters, including lawsuits brought by high-profile plaintiffs. He has defended leading news organizations in defamation lawsuits challenging their reporting in print, online, and on television. Steve has represented clients in a broad range of cases in federal and state courts across the nation at both the trial and appellate levels, and in arbitration proceedings.

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