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INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO PROTECT "A GOOD NAME"
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Vanderbilt Hall
Tishman Auditorium
40 Washington Square South
Wednesday, November 16, 2005
6:00-8:00 p.m.

A reception will immediately follow in Greenberg Lounge



George Freeman has been Assistant General Counsel of The New York Times Company since 1992. In this capacity, he is primarily responsible for the Company's litigations. He is also involved in newsroom counseling, antitrust and distribution problems, employment relations and business counseling involving The Times's news, advertising, circulation and personnel departments. He worked in these areas for the Company's affiliated newspapers and broadcast properties as well, since he began working for The Times in 1981. Prior to coming to The Times, Mr. Freeman was an associate at the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, where he represented The Times in litigation of several significant cases.

Mr. Freeman is chair of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section's First Amendment and Media Litigation Committee. He is also the immediate past chair of the ABA's Forum on Communication Law. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Freeman was chairman of the New York State Bar Association Media Law Committee. Previously, he had served as chair of that organization's cameras in the courts subcommittee. He also chairs the Access and Newsgathering Subcommittee of the Newspaper Association of America's Legal Affairs Committee.

He is a frequent lecturer and moderator of panels on First Amendment issues and has been on the Practicing Law Institute's Communications Law faculty since 1985. He also was founder and remains co-chair of the Boca Conference, a winter meeting bringing together 250 media attorneys nationwide.

In March 1993, Mr. Freeman participated in a conference in Moscow on "Democratic Governance and a Free Press" with Russian government officials. In 1979, he toured China as a member of the New York Bar Association Delegation, exploring legal and trade matters in Peking, Shanghai, Canton, Shenyang and Dairen.

From 2000 to 2001 he was co-chair of an ABA Task Force on jury initiatives and from 2001 to 2003 was co-chair of its Task Force on the Public Perception of Lawyers.

Since 1998, Mr. Freeman has been an adjunct professor at New York University. He teaches media law courses to both undergraduates and graduate journalism students. Mr. Freeman was a lecturer-at-law at the University of Miami Law School in 1975 and 1976, following his *cum laude* graduation from Harvard Law School in 1975. From 1973 to 1974, Mr. Freeman served as assistant to the Dean at Vermont Law School. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Amherst College in 1971.

Martin London '57

Mr. London, a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City, is a 1957 NYU School of Law graduate where he graduated *cum laude* and was a member of the *Law Review*. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has received numerous awards including The Office of the Appellate Defender's Outstanding Oral Advocacy Award. Mr. London has been recognized by peers in numerous "Best Lawyer" lists, both nationally and internationally. He has spoken at law schools, PLI meetings, appeared on *Nightline*, New York City's educational TV channel, and in other media outlets.

While Mr. London's litigation practice is diverse, he has been involved in a number of high profile cases involving First Amendment issues: he represented Jacqueline

Onassis in her successful harassment lawsuit against a photojournalist in *Galella v. Onassis*, he represented Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation in obtaining a then record-breaking libel verdict against CBS; on behalf of Vice President Agnew he won a court order permitting him to depose journalists and Justice Department officials about Grand Jury leaks; and on behalf of doctors and clinics providing reproductive services to women, he won an injunction and damages against an organization and several of its members who intimidated the medical providers by conduct that included the publication of "Wanted" posters of physicians after a pattern had developed that the physicians who were the subject of those posters were thereafter shot and killed.

Madeleine Schachter '82

Madeleine Schachter is Deputy General Counsel at Time Warner Book Group, Inc. Previously, she was in-house counsel at Capital Cities/ABC and CBS, Inc., and before that she was associated with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law. She has taught more than a dozen courses, including 'Law of Internet Speech' and 'Informational and Decisional Privacy in the Internet Era.' She is the author of three books: Law of Internet Speech, Informational and Decisional Privacy, and The Law Professor's Handbook: A Practical Guide to Teaching Law.

Ms. Schachter helped Time Warner Inc. launch an inter-divisional, company-wide pro bono program. At the invitation of the U.S. State Department and the American Embassy in Sana'a, Ms. Schachter recently met with governmental officials and press representatives to comment on Yemen's current and proposed legislation relating to freedom of speech and freedom of press. She also gave numerous presentations on media law and journalistic ethics to judges, journalists, and lawyers in Sofia, Bulgaria at the invitation of the U.S. State Department.

Ms. Schachter is a member of the Steering Committee and serves as the Secretary of the Fair Trial/Free Press Conference, a voluntary group of judges, journalists, law enforcement officials, and lawyers working together to balance important constitutional guarantees to a free press and a fair trial.

Ms. Schachter received her J.D. degree from New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar. She served as a member of the Dean's Strategic Council. She is a *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Summa Cum Laude* graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a Benjamin Franklin Scholar and designed a major program in Medical Ethics.

Diane Zimmerman - Moderator

An award-winning reporter for *Newsweek* and the *New York Daily News*, Diane Zimmerman left journalism to pursue a career in the law. In 1977, after graduating from Columbia Law School and clerking for Judge Jack B. Weinstein in the Eastern District of New York, she joined the faculty at New York University School of Law.

Issues of civil liberties—particularly women's rights, and freedom of speech and conscience—propelled Zimmerman from journalism into law, and she has taught, lectured, and written extensively on all of these subjects. In 1994, in recognition of her writings on the first amendment, she served as the Lee Distinguished Visiting Professor of Constitutional Law at the Law School of the College of William and

Mary. In the fall of 2001, she was the inaugural holder of the Distinguished Visiting Hosier Chair in Intellectual Property at De Paul College of Law in Chicago, and in 2004 delivered the 17th Annual Manges Lecture in intellectual property at Columbia University.

For five years, Professor Zimmerman chaired the First Amendment Rights Committee of the American Bar Association. She has also chaired the Civil Rights Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and served on its Copyright, Professional Ethics, Communications and Media Law Committees. In the field of intellectual property, Professor Zimmerman is a member of the executive committee of the Copyright Society's board of trustees, serves on the editorial board of its Journal, and is also on the editorial board of the journal *Communications Law and Policy*.

Professor Zimmerman has been an expert witness for the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate, and a member of the National Coalition Against Censorship's Working Group on Women, Censorship and Pornography. Zimmerman served the Second Circuit as the Reporter for the Gender Committee of the Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness. She has also twice served as moderator of the Aspen Institute's Law and Society Seminars.

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