

HB Media Minute - Episode 21: FOSTA, Its Effects, and How Courts Are Interpreting It (Part 2)

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We're joined again by Haynes Boone Associate [Michael Lambert](#), who is based in our Austin office and is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Michael focuses on media, entertainment, IP, and First Amendment litigation.

In this episode, we will resume our discussion on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which provides immunity (with some exceptions) to tech companies from liability for third-party content, such as reader posts, YouTube videos, and Instagram posts. Today, we will focus on an exception that Congress, in 2018, added to Section 230 immunity. It's called FOSTA, which stands for the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, and it allows claims to be brought against online service providers that allegedly facilitate trafficking. Michael will walk us through the history of FOSTA and its key provisions.

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