

## HB Media Minute - Episode 20: What is Section 230? (Part 1)

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Today, we will talk about a hot topic – Section 230 of The Communications Decency Act, which is the legal framework that protects tech companies from liability for third-party content, such as reader posts, YouTube videos, and Instagram posts. It is a critical legal foundation for the expanding social media sphere.

The law has plenty of supporters and detractors, including critics who say that service providers need to bear more responsibility to vet and police the content they host. Section 230 is such an interesting area of law that we are going to have two follow-up episodes that will delve deeper into related topics.

We're joined 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.