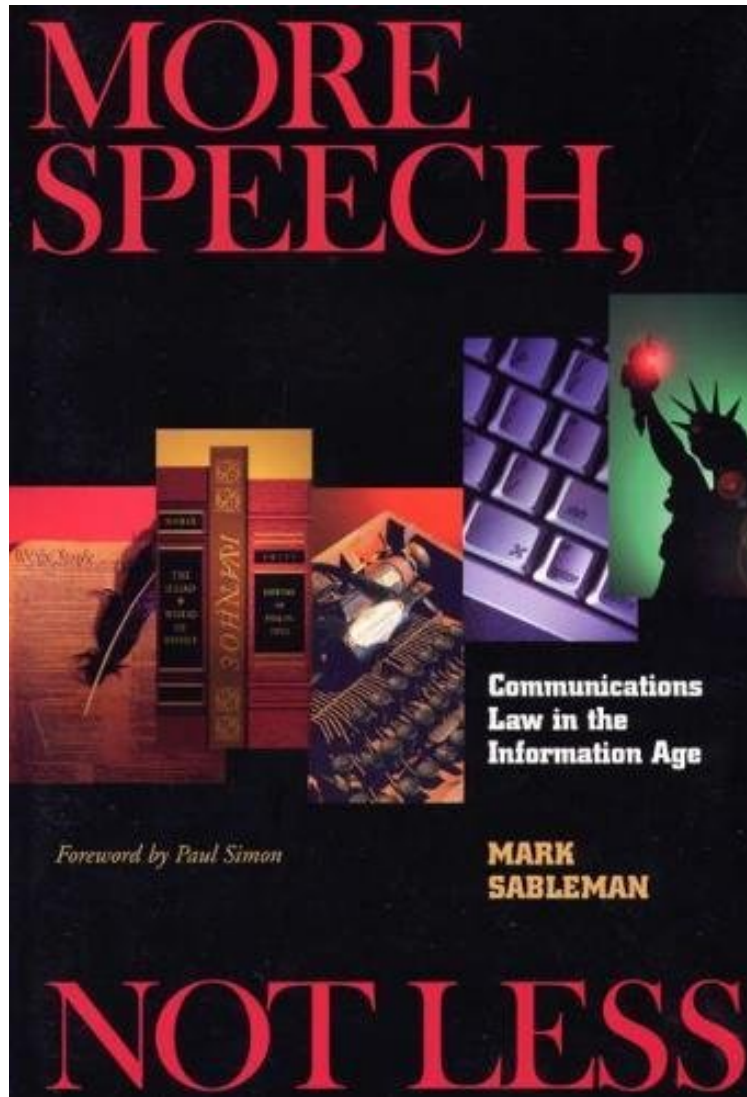


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On a daily basis we are confronted with "more speech, not less"more news reports, more television channels, more publications, more electronic communications. Communications laws have expanded in response to the proliferation of communications, and these laws affect everyone.Communications lawyer Mark Sableman uses recent case studies, practical examples, and plain language to describe and analyze the broad spectrum of modern communications laws and policies. In these essays, Sableman helps communications professionals as well as informed citizens understand the law.The constitutional foundation for the information age is settled: radical solutions on either side have been rejected. Neither First Amendment absolutism nor untrammelled content-based censorship will rule in America. But within the remaining middle area, many key policy choices are being made by courts and policy makers. Intricate webs of legal dos and donts, practical pitfalls, and effective safe harbors are being developed across the broad spectrum of communications law.In this guide to existing law, developing trends, and critical policy determinations, Sableman discusses privacy, Internet communications and policy, censorship, libel and slander, copyright and intellectual property, advertising, broadcasting, and journalistic confidentiality. Through actual cases and practical examples, he examines and explains both the existing rules for communications professionals and the developing policies that deserve the attention and scrutiny of informed citizens. Sableman approaches these subjects as a practicing lawyer experienced in both business and media communications.The phrase "more speech, not less" describes not only the growing cacophony of the information age, but also one approach to legal policyJustice Louis D. Brandeis preference for "more speech, not enforced silence" in all but the most extreme situations. Drawing from his strong advocacy of free speech, Sableman hopes to stimulate informed debate among all who are concerned about the power of information and the magic of words and images.

From Library JournalSableman, a St. Louis attorney involved with the ACLU and a former newspaper reporter, has written a thoughtful collection of essays on communications law in the information age. Each chapter explores the state of existing law and offers a comprehensive public policy analysis of it, covering a range of information-related issues including censorship, news gathering, confidentiality of news sources, libel, privacy rights, and broadcasting. Although the book tempts Internet junkies with its information focus, Sableman devotes only one rather simplistic chapter to the rise of the Internet and the free speech and intellectual property issues resulting from it. Because of this, his effort seems to work much better as a commentary on the legal issues relating to the news media. Although the work is an insightful overview for those new to the journalism or legal professions, experienced attorneys and editors may want an even more legalistic or detailed analysis. Sableman's book belongs on the shelves of academic and larger public libraries only.?Steven Anderson, Baltimore Cty. Circuit Court Law Lib.Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. "History can teach us many lessons, and one is that freedom is not easily preserved. If there are not voices like Mark Sableman and others to remind us of our heritage, there will be a gradual erosion of our basic freedoms."Paul Simon, from the Foreword