**LAW CLASS**

**The First Amendment**

**FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

Freedom of the press means that online news, newspaper articles and television news reports are written without government censorship, unless it is during wartime and the publication would present a clear and present danger to our nation’s security.

In addition, the government cannot

(1) pass a law that requires newspapers to publish information against their will,

(2) impose taxes on the press that it does not levy on other businesses and

(3) prohibit the press from attending judicial proceedings and thereafter informing the public about them.

Freedom of the press does apply to school newspapers, with some limitations.