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Texas Outlaws TV Crews at the Intersection of Free Speech and Public Policy

By Joel Glover



On May 26, 2021, Governor Abbott signed HB 54, named Javier Ambler’s Law, which prohibits the production of police ride-along reality television programs. It permanently halts the production of shows like *Live PD*, *COPS*, and (name notwithstanding) *Alaska State Troopers*, versions of which have aired with varying degrees of acclaim and ridicule for decades.

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Student Snapchat Decision May Hint at SCOTUS Social Media Rulings

In this *Bloomberg Law* article, James Carlos McFall, Eric Wong, and Lauren Ceckowski parallel a Jackson Walker student speech case with the U.S. Supreme Court’s impending ruling in a free speech case involving a cheerleader’s Snapchat post.

They noted: “*In Mahanoy*, the Supreme Court has the opportunity to clarify the scope of off-campus free speech rights for students in the digital age.”

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Still Awaiting the New Normal

In his recent *SportsTravel* column about the return of sports – and fans – after the COVID-19 pandemic halted events, Bob Latham wrote, “It will not be truly ‘normal’ until

people from all walks of life and all parts of the globe can gather, connect with each other and share the unbridled emotion and common spirit that makes sport such an important unifying element."

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Jackson Walker Named Among Top Firms Nationwide for First Amendment Litigation

Chambers and Partners has selected 41 attorneys and 14 departments for inclusion in the 2021 edition of the Global and USA guides. In addition to naming Jackson Walker among the top firms nationwide for First Amendment Litigation, *Chambers USA* recognized Chip Babcock in the Nationwide – Band 1 list for First Amendment Litigation.



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Texas Supreme Court Upholds Appellate Win for Media on Sealing of Evidence in \$740 Million Trade Secret Dispute

Chip Babcock, Amanda Crouch, and Josh Romero successfully represented the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in fighting HouseCanary's efforts to seal evidence presented in open court.

The Supreme Court reaffirmed Texas' long commitment to open government through its rule guaranteeing access to judicial records recognizing, at the same time, that there can be business interests in legitimate, properly protected trade secrets.

– **Chip Babcock**
Partner, Houston

Following the Supreme Court's decision, Chip, who argued the case for the Reporters Committee, said, "This is an important win for the public and the news media. The Supreme Court reaffirmed Texas' long commitment to open government through its rule guaranteeing access to judicial records recognizing, at the same time, that there can be business interests in legitimate, properly protected trade secrets. The Jackson Walker team was pleased to have achieved this result on behalf of our client the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press."

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Jackson Walker Helps Family Launch Comic Book Brand

Before a series of new comic book adventures could be introduced to the world, budding entrepreneurs faced some legal questions. How should they set up their company? What about intellectual property rights? With these questions in mind, Chrystal Baeza turned to the team at Jackson Walker for help.

Since Chrystal's company, Morado LLC, was formed, the Haphazard Nation website went live and the family's first comic book, Haphazard – The Explosion, has been published.

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