

The First Amendment and Freedom of Speech

This program provides a general overview of the First Amendment as it relates to freedom of speech. Because the protections of the Amendment are so broad, the presentation focuses on the defined ways that speech is limited in the United States. There is also a section on how freedom of speech interacts with social media, as there have been several recent Supreme Court cases that apply First Amendment to the “new normal” of communicating online.

Suggested Time: 45 mins.

Topics Covered:

- Historic and Constitutional Foundations
- What is Speech?
- Who can Protect and Who can Limit
- Protected v. Unprotected Speech
- Free Speech and Social Media