

Some SNPA Members May File Suit Against SEC

Some SNPA member newspapers are considering filing suit against the [Southeastern Conference \(SEC\)](#) over new credentialing policies for reporters, photographers and videographers who are covering games for their newspapers.

The action is being contemplated because the papers' publishers believe the policies are onerous, detrimental, and in the opinion of media attorneys, illegal. If the new credentialing policies are not modified soon, a number of publishers are considering filing suit for an injunction against the SEC to prevent it from enforcing the new policy on the eve of the football season.

Attorneys for one newspaper (which will not be identified in this eBulletin article) already have prepared an injunction request, and they are prepared to work with any lead attorneys selected for suit in other SEC states.

- To read a summary of the credentialing policies prepared by this law firm, [click here](#).
- To read the SEC media credentialing policy as it currently stands, [click here](#).

Then, SNPA would appreciate your feedback.

- Do you find these policies acceptable or unacceptable?
- If unacceptable, would you be willing to join in a common injunction request and suit against the SEC only (not the individual universities)?
- If so, would you be willing to be named as a plaintiff?
- Would you be willing to share in the legal costs?

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