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Webcast: Today's Key First Amendment Battles. Who Gets to Say It and Who Gets to Stop It?

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Amer Ahmed, Anne Champion, and Apratim Vidyarthi cover significant developments in First Amendment law, including issues taken up by the Supreme Court. They discuss the gag orders imposed on former President Trump; the survival of New York Times v. Sullivan; the First Amendment and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act; NRA v. Vullo; and legal developments involving the First Amendment and social media. Gibson Dunn will do a follow up webcast in July analyzing newly-issued Supreme Court decisions involving the First Amendment.

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