

# Libel understanding



**li·bel** [lahy-buhl] *noun* 1. Law. Defamation by written or printed words, pictures, or in any form other than by spoken words or gestures.

Any published communication- words, photos, pictures, symbols - that **falsely** harms a person's reputation.

## LIBEL DEFENSES

*Did the plaintiff prove the 5 elements in PIHFF Checklist? Now the publisher is on the defense.*

- > Consent
- > Privledge
- > Opinion vs Fact: Fair Comment
- > Epithets & insults

