

Nevada Shield Law

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current:

NRS 49.275 News media. No reporter, former reporter or editorial employee of any newspaper, periodical or press association or employee of any radio or television station may be required to disclose any published or unpublished information obtained or prepared by such person in such person's professional capacity in gathering, receiving or processing information for communication to the public, or the source of any information procured or obtained by such person, in any legal proceedings, trial or investigation:

1. Before any court, grand jury, coroner's inquest, jury or any officer thereof.
2. Before the Legislature or any committee thereof.
3. Before any department, agency or commission of the State.
4. Before any local governing body or committee thereof, or any officer of a local government.

proposed:

1. "News organization" means a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or book publisher. A newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or book publisher operating solely online is deemed a news organization if it disseminates information about current events on a regular basis.

2. "Journalist" means a reporter, editor, writer, researcher, photographer, videographer, or editorial worker, currently or formerly employed by or under contract to a particular news organization, or whose work regularly appears in one or more news organizations.

3. "Legal proceeding" means any hearing, trial, or investigation:

- (a) Before any court, grand jury, coroner's inquest, jury, or any officer thereof.
- (b) Before the Legislature or any committee thereof.
- (c) Before any department, agency, or commission of the State.
- (d) Before any local governing body or committee thereof, or any officer of a local government.

4. No journalist may be required to disclose any published or unpublished information obtained, related to, or prepared by such person in such person's professional capacity in gathering, receiving, or processing information for communication to the public, or the source of any information procured or obtained by such person, in any legal proceeding.

5. A party issuing a subpoena in any legal proceeding to a third party that seeks the records of a journalist shall, except in circumstances that pose a clear and substantial threat to the integrity of the criminal investigation or present an imminent risk of death or serious bodily harm, provide notice of the subpoena to the journalist and the organization that employs or contracts with the journalist at least five days before issuing the subpoena. The party issuing the subpoena shall include in the notice, at a minimum, an explanation of why the requested records will be of material assistance to the party seeking them and why alternate sources of information are not sufficient to avoid the need for the subpoena.