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Social Media, Student Speech, and Administration Rights in the Wake of <u>Mahanoy v. B.L.</u>

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Can he say that? Can I discipline her for what she posted on social media? Do we have any control over off-campus student "speech"?

These are just some of the questions that were addressed in the United States Supreme Court's June 2021 decision in <u>Mahanoy v. B.L.</u>, the most recent of a long, and often-confusing, line of court cases that delineate the rights and responsibilities of school districts in the context of student speech and student social-media postings. In the wake of <u>Mahanoy</u>, as the new school year begins, school districts and their administrators will have to determine questions such as what constitutes permissible student speech and what is susceptible to discipline? What is fair comment and what is bullying? Can students say or post whatever they like on social media so long as it is outside of the school day, or is it subject to administration review?

In this webinar, Attorney Michael McKeon from Pullman & Comley will answer these questions and others in the course of discussing <u>Mahanoy</u> and dispelling misconceptions about what the Supreme Court actually held.