

Dear SLC,

Thanks for your efforts with regards to the reform of defamation law.

I'd like to urge you to go further. Inhibiting people's right to express opinions is a big deal, and while it may be justified when the consequences can be felt directly by other people, I really think that test isn't met when it comes to expressing negative opinions about companies.

So I hope you will recommend a removal of the right of companies to sue. I understand that this could result in situations that would seem in isolation to be undesirable. But I think it would also result in staving off perhaps a larger number of more serious undesirable situations (e.g. people afraid to make legitimate & important criticism of companies because of even, say, a 1% chance that they might face a defamation action). So I think that overall, it's the right position to take.

Many thanks,
Peter

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