

THE STATE OF THE MEDIA LAW IN THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION:
A DIFFICULT PAST, AN INTERESTING PRESENT, AN
UNCERTAIN FUTURE

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ABSTRACT

The story of the development of media law in the Russian Federation reads a great deal like the plot of a soap opera. Much like the rest of Russia's post-Communist legislative efforts, the laws concerning the regulation of mass media have a tumultuous history and an uncertain future. This paper is not intended to be a comprehensive examination of mass media law in Russia, nor does it take a normative position on this subject. Instead, this paper seeks to draw, in broad strokes, the legislative landscape surrounding mass media law in Russia, both historically and at the present.

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