

## **Author Angst**

### **Defamation**

An author of a “tell all” about a famous deceased designer and the publisher were threatened with litigation from family members, who were identified in the work. The claim arose not from the publication of the book, which had not been released, but from the galley copies that the publisher had released to the media for publicity. Despite the fact that the book had been closely vetted by counsel, the publisher decided to scrap its publication plans. The author was able to keep his advance.