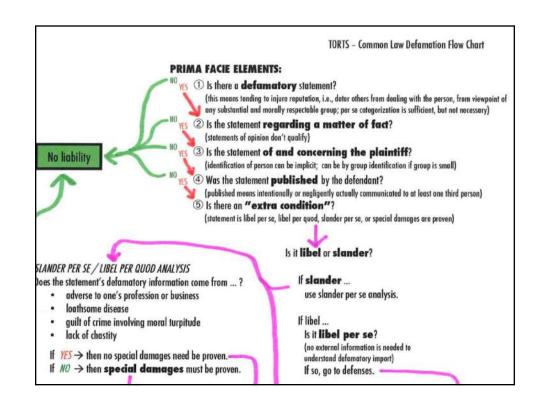


Defamation 5: Publication

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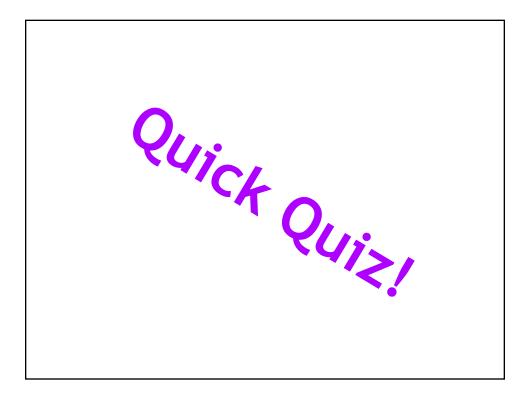




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- That's all there is to the rule, you just have to believe it!



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