

VIRTUAL BRANCH MEETING

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April 11, 2020 – 12:30 am to 3:00 pm

Using Real People in your Writing Without Ending Up in Court

**featuring
Helen Sedwick**

Real people populate our pages. Whether we base a character on an over-bearing mother-in-law or name names in a political exposé, writers do and must use real people in their work. The good news is libel and invasion of privacy suits are rare, particularly involving fictional works. But a lot of myths still scare writers. Helen will dispel some of these myths, so you know when to tread carefully and when to go for it.



- When may you name names, and when should you change them?
- How far is too far, legally speaking?
- When truth is not a defense.
- How to use photos and letters created by others.

Author and attorney, **Helen Sedwick** has represented small businesses and entrepreneurs for 30+ years. *Publisher's Weekly* lists her ***Self-Publisher's Legal Handbook*** as one of the top five resource books for independent authors. Helen is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Alliance of Independent Authors and a Contributing Writer for TheBookDesigner.com. Helen's blog coaches writers on everything from saving on taxes to avoiding scams.

Helen's historical novel ***Coyote Winds*** has earned five-star reviews from *ForeWord Reviews* and is an IndieBRAG Medallion Honoree. For more information about Helen, check out her website at <http://helensedwick.com>.