

This Note focuses on a recent trend of cases involving professional school students suing school administrators because they were sanctioned or dismissed from their professional programs for speech made on social media. In it, I argue that the unfettered ability of professional schools to sanction these students interferes with their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. Further, by categorizing the sanctions as academic in nature, professional schools are able to avoid the heightened procedural requirements for disciplinary sanctions accorded students under the Fourteenth Amendment. This Note calls for a new framework for addressing professional student claims in light of the growth of social media and the particularly harsh result reached in *Keefe v. Adams* and analogous cases.