

Legal Ethics and Social Media: What Attorneys Need to Know

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Protecting Yourself From the Ethical Implications of Social Networking

In recent years, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn and others have become ethical minefields for attorneys. Many social media “acts” are raising eyebrows in bar associations across the United States and leaving many attorneys scratching their heads in confusion. With new regulations and rules in place and new questions raised, the ethics “line” has become blurred. Uphold your ethical reputation and equip yourself with the tools you need to remain out of hot water in this Web 2.0 world.

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BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Learn the newest ethics rules and regulations that surround social media.
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Session Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST

Presenter: Gregg R. Zegarelli

I. ADVERTISING AND SOLICITATION RULES IN SOCIAL MEDIA

- A. ABA Guidance
- B. What's Considered Impermissible Puffing?
What's Considered Advertising?
- C. Professional vs. Personal Accounts - Do Different Rules Apply?
- D. Is Using Social Media to Build Relationships and Engage in Discussions Considered Advertisement or Solicitation?
- E. Facebook Profiles and Advertising Rules
- F. LinkedIn - "Specialist" or "Expert" Designation Ramifications
- G. Twitter Advertising Rules
- H. YouTube Videos vs. T.V. Ads - What's the Difference?

II. PROPER SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT

- A. Setting up and Managing Ethical Professional and Personal Facebook Accounts
 - 1. Key Steps to Creating Company Facebook Accounts
 - 2. Enabling Proper Account and Privacy Settings
 - 3. Personal Facebook Accounts -
Is It Safe for an Attorney to Have One?
Safety Steps to Put in Place to Protect Yourself
 - 4. Whom Can You "Friend" on Facebook Without Putting Yourself in Ethical Danger?
 - 5. Setting Clear Boundaries with Client "Friends" on Facebook
 - 6. Facebook Status Updates -
Can You Post Any Information about Clients,
Opposing Counsel, Cases or the Court?
- B. Setting up and Managing Ethical Professional and Personal Twitter Accounts
- C. Keeping your "Tweeting" Ethical - Examples of Good/Bad "Tweets"
- D. LinkedIn Accounts - Top 5 Things You Must Avoid

III. CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY BREACHES

- A. Putting Proactive Steps in Place to Avoid Being Hacked
- B. Communication on Smartphones, iPads and Other Mobile Devices
- C. What to Do if Your Social Media Account has Been Hacked? Mitigating the Damage

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