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Useful Internet Sites and Articles

Social Media Tips for Litigators

<http://www.utexas.edu/law/magazine/2014/10/20/goin-g-social/>

Adjunct law professor John Browning wrote an article for *UTLaw Magazine* with five pointers for using social media for litigators. There have been several articles and cases lately that focus on social media, electronic discovery and spoliation. Mr. Browning's article helps trial attorneys understand and navigate the ever-changing world of social media. Mr. Browning's five tips are as follows: 1) accept the fact that social media is here to stay; 2) communicate as early as possible with clients about their social media activities; 3) know where the ethical boundaries are when it comes to obtaining information; 4) remember that existing rules still apply in formal discovery; and 5) remember social media can have an impact on virtually every aspect of a case from start to finish. The American Bar Association has several resources at the following link for attorneys interested in additional information on the topic:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/departments_office/legal_technology_resources/resources/social_media.html

A Guide to LinkedIn for Attorneys

<http://www.attorneyatwork.com/reach-linkedin-goals/>

Attorneyatwork.com is a legal blog that covers varying aspects pertaining to running a law firm. A recent post summarizes a LinkedIn presentation from the Legal Marketing Technology Conference West. The first suggestion for using LinkedIn is to develop a goal and strategy. In other words, why use LinkedIn? Once a clear goal is established, the blog offers bright line strategies for achieving that goal. Some example goals for using LinkedIn could be targeting potential clients, attracting opportunities, marketing or maintaining client relations. Whatever

the goal, this article has some useful suggestions for attorneys looking to utilize LinkedIn. A step by step guide to LinkedIn and how to set up a profile is available at:

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/social-networking/networks/linkedin.htm>

When Clients Text

"Texting Clients" *Texas Lawyer*, November 3, 2014

Cell phones increased the mobility and connectivity of attorneys but also increased the amount of clients who text their attorneys repeatedly or outside of business hours. How to handle this situation is a delicate matter. When the question of how to best handle this scenario was posted, several solutions were offered. One attorney suggests simply stating that the attorney is unable to get text messages. A few other suggestions include replying to text messages only through email, adding a text surcharge in the retainer agreement and/or responding to text messages saying that no legal advice is given over text message and suggest the client either call or email with questions and concerns.

Beware of Free Email Providers

"Free Email and Attorney Client Privilege" *Texas Lawyer*, October 13, 2014

Gmail and Google apps have risen in popularity among attorneys. When an attorney uses Gmail, he or she consents to data mining and other invasive analytical tools that helps Google improve features. This type of data mining begs the question of whether or not an attorney's duty to keep attorney-client conversations confidential includes Gmail. Some attorneys are obtaining client consent to communicate via email while others are putting the word "Privileged" in the subject line. Attorneys who are concerned about the privacy of free email services may want to consider a subscription email service.

Copies of these articles are available in the library, or from the law librarian via email:

droberts@co.collin.tx.us

Spotlight on the Supremes

Standardized E-Filing Codes Approved

“Standardized E-Filing Services” *Texas Lawyer*, October 27, 2014

On October 14, 2014 the Texas Supreme Court justices signed Approval of Technology Standards, Version 1.4, set by the Judicial Committee on Information Technology. The following link has a list of the standardized codes: http://www.txcourts.gov/media/607787/technology-standards_v14.pdf

and a copy of the signed Order is available may be accessed at: <http://www.txcourts.gov/media/611776/14919700.pdf>

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Did You Know?

A new title was recently added to the U.S. Code. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel announced that Title 52: Voting and Elections went into effect on September 1, 2014. This is an “editorial reclassification” that moved voting and election laws from Titles 2 and 42 into the brand new Title 52. This change was proposed five years ago but because Congress did not enact the proposed new title as positive law the new title went into effect as an editorial classification. The full story is available here: <http://dukelawref.blogspot.com/2014/08/us-code-title-52-voting-and-elections.html>

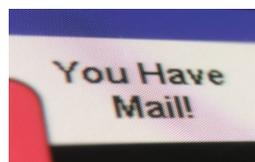
Collin County Courthouse News

On Monday, November 10, the Collin County Commissioners approved donations of eight new pictures of U.S. Serviceman who died in battle. These portraits will hang on the walls throughout the courthouse. A copy of the press release may be viewed at: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2014/11/10/eight-soldier-portraits-added-to-collin-county-courthouses-tribute/>

Library Reminders

Computer Usage– Please remember that the library computers are public terminals. If you are checking your email from these computers please do not forget to log out of your email completely before leaving the computers. Also remember to close and delete any documents drafted on the computers.

Attorney IOUs– The library still has an uncollected balance of \$239.64 from attorney IOUs. This is a courtesy for those attorneys who do not have cash at the time the copies are made. If this balance remains uncollected, IOUs will be discontinued. Please ensure that any outstanding balances are paid immediately.



WestlawNext Tips

Know How Many Pages a Document or Case is Before Printing

Printing cases and documents while conducting legal research can be an expensive endeavor depending on the length of the documents. WestlawNext informs the user exactly how many pages a case or statute is at the top of the page.

The screenshot shows the WestlawNext interface for a search of "marbury v. madison". The search results for "Marbury v. Madison" are displayed, including the citation "1 Cranch 137" and "2 L.Ed. 60 (Approx. 22 pages)". The page count "(Approx. 22 pages)" is circled in red. Below the search results, the document title "Not Followed as Dicta COMPTROLLER GENERAL MCCARL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, Comp.Gen., August 6, 1927" is visible. The main text of the document is displayed, including the citation "1 Cranch 137", the court "Supreme Court of the United States", the parties "William MARBURY" and "James MADISON, Secretary of State of the United States.", and the date "Feb. 1803."

As a reminder, patrons also have the option of receiving a limited number of documents via email. To select this option simply click on the sealed envelope on the right of the screen and select email:

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Tech Tips: More Useful Apps and Law Blogs

- <http://www.futurelawyer.com/> - a blog dedicated solely to new technology that includes reviews of products and recent news about how technology is affecting the practice of law. The blog's tagline is "Future Technology for the Lawyer of Today."
- <http://www.thelawinsider.com/> - "the business of law." This is a blog dedicated to information about running a firm and recent trends and changes in technology.
- <http://ridethelightning.senseient.com/> - a blog that covers topics such as electronic evidence, recent hacking threats and online privacy.
- <http://blog.technolawyer.com/> - another blog that helps attorneys understand technology. A bonus feature is the TechnoLawyer Library available free to subscribers.



The Law Library
will be closed
November 27-28 for
Thanksgiving.



The Law Library
will be closed
December 24-25 for
Christmas.



The Law Library
will be closed
January 1 for New
Year's Day.



The Law Library
will be closed
January 19 for Mar-
tin Luther King Day.

New on the Shelf:

- O'Connor's Business Organizations Code Plus, 2014-2015
- O'Connor's Business and Commerce Code Plus, 2014-2015
- Texas Forms Real Estate, 2015
- O'Connor's Estates Code Plus, 2014-2015
- Texas Elder Law, 2014-2015
- O'Connor's Texas Crimes and Consequences, 2014-2015
- Federal Criminal Practice, 2014-2015
- Texas Search and Seizure, 6th Edition
- Texas Criminal Lawyer's Handbook, 2014-2015

A Little Legal Humor



The holiday season is all about
peace, love and forgiveness.
But if that doesn't work out, call me.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Bethany Diane Gina