Anything You Post Can Be Used Against You in Court of Family Law

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Social networking has become commonplace in people's lives, both personally and professionally. With Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, MySpace and other blogging sites, details of people's lives are constantly shared via the Internet. How is it that, according to sources, the rise in social networking is helping and hindering divorce attorneys throughout the country?

For years since the Internet has been available and grown in popularity, the public has made the mistake of thinking that because they are sharing information from the privacy of their homes, cubicles or cell phones, that their information is somehow private. That dangerous thought not only goes against the very nature of what social networking is, but it also can have damaging effects on multiple facets of people's lives--including family law issues like <u>divorce</u> and child custody.

According to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, over 80 percent of the organization's attorneys have used evidence found on social networking sources in order to argue a family law case. Facebook is the forum wherein the largest amount of incriminating evidence is found, likely due to the site's emphasis on members posting pictures in their profiles.

For example, if one parent claims she is the more suitable, responsible parent and should get full <u>child custody</u>, she better ensure that her Facebook photos and messages reflect that. If a judge sees a photo of the mother engaging in irresponsible behaviors, then her argument is severely damaged, and she is made out to be a liar.

While such evidence works against one party, it obviously serves the other party fighting for child custody or seeking other benefits from a divorce. Images and messages posted on social networking sites are considered as strong evidence in family law courts.

If you are in the middle of a family law dispute and know your opposing party is involved with social networking, don't forget to inform your attorney of that fact and/or do some research yourself and relay your findings to your lawyer. It might make the difference in your family law case.

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The Associated Press: Divorce lawyers: Facebook tops in online evidence

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