

Client's Sabotaging Their Own Cases: September 4, 2009; by Justin Thomas Allen, JD, CA Attorney.

My name is Justin T. Allen and I am a California attorney that would like to caution the audience of Attorneys' and non-attorneys from posting personal information about themselves and family to social networking sites. It has recently been reported that 45 percent of businesses and potential employers will view your social network sites and run a Google search to determine whether there are any posts which may be embarrassing to them. It is therefore very important that you think twice before posting any pictures, videos, or messages that contain information that you do not want to become widely known.

I have also discovered that attorneys will run the same search as above. I inevitably will end up doing the same in order to zealously assist my clients. So please make sure that you know what you are posting and understand that people outside of your friends list will likely gain access to that content.

Just this week I learned of an attorney that discovered that his client had posted nearly nude pictures of herself in a series along with a group of pictures of a two year old that was wearing large amounts of make-up. There is no telling who will see that and what reaction they will have. It may seem cute to post such material but there are dire consequences. This made getting custody for the other party a lot easier. I don't want for potential clients and others to be penalized for a careless moment.

I am hopeful that you found this information edifying. Thank you for reading.

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