

## § 4.5

## Social Media

### *Infinite Information*

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#### TWITTER

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There are so many *Twitter* accounts that deal with the law that it can be intimidating and confusing. It can also be a gold mine of information. To be efficient and effective, consider the following:

**Rule 1. Don't follow too many accounts**

Try to limit yourself to no more than 8 or 10 accounts. You can always adjust which ones you are following based on how much you tune in to each account, but once you follow too many, you will likely become overloaded.

**Rule 2. There are 3 types of legal blogs**

There are many types of blogs about the law, but most fall into one of these categories:

*Informational/Neutral*

These are the best blogs. They at least attempt to provide information that informs, even if it is sometimes "leaning" left or right. Even if they espouse a more conservative or liberal point of view as to the law, they at least try to be fair.

*Marketing*

Marketing blogs are often disguised as providing a service, and some do, but the primary function is to promote a product or service.

*Partisan*

The least useful of blogs. They only espouse views through the lens of their own philosophy, with little room for legitimate discourse. If you do subscribe to a partisan blog (liberal, conservative, libertarian, etc.) make it a practice to subscribe to an alternate point of view for each partisan account you follow. It may help you from falling too deep into the rabbit hole.

**RECOMMENDED BLOGS**

WSJ Law Blog (@WSJLawBlog)

Guardian Law (@GdnLaw)

Bitter Lawyer (@BitterLawyer)

ABA Journal (@ABAJournal)

Overlawyered (@overlawyered)

Legal Planet (@LegalPlanet)

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**CHAPTER 4**

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**Wrap-Up**

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**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**

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After reading this chapter you should know the following:

- Terminology related to civil law
- Terminology related to criminal law
- The general process related to civil law
- The general process related to criminal law
- How to approach the practice of following Twitter accounts related to the law

**ASSIGNMENTS**

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*There are no assignments for this chapter.*