

Think before you Facebook
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What you put on Facebook can surface before a judge in Family Court to embarrass you and damage your position in your divorce, support or custody matter.

A recent poll indicated Facebook was mentioned in more than 20% of the divorces in the United States last year. Everything from status updates to photographs are being used as evidence in cases involving divorce, custody and support. Who needs to hire a private investigator when we are putting the intimate details of our lives on the internet? Your status update about your promotion may be presented as evidence against your claim that you cannot afford to pay alimony. Your teenage son's photographs from prom weekend could show up in the middle of a custody trial.

The bottom line is you should carefully consider what you are posting and, equally as important, who has access to it. Even long-time neighbors often choose sides in a divorce and can unwittingly become spies. If you find yourself litigating personal matters in Court, check your privacy settings, review your photo albums, and carefully consider whether you should "unfriend" some people on your friend list or simply remove yourself from the world of social networking altogether.