

Social Media Usage Policy

The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism (2Civility) has created social media pages to engage members of the profession and the public in an informative conversation about our ongoing commitment to professionalism, civility, and inclusiveness within the legal and judicial systems and to promote more equitable, effective and efficient legal and judicial systems. Our goal is to facilitate constructive dialogue, and we want our social media pages to be an appropriate forum for everyone.

In administering our social media pages, we are cognizant of the Rules of Professional Conduct, including [Rule 8.4](#) that provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to “violate the Rules of Professional Conduct or knowingly assist another to do so” or “engage in conduct involving dishonesty” or that is “prejudicial to the administration of justice.” We are also guided by the [Preamble](#) to the Rules of Professional Conduct which provides that lawyers “should seek improvement of the law, access to the legal system, the administration of justice and the quality of service rendered by the legal profession.”

Therefore, all conversations and posts herein should be constructive, respectful, and contain language that is appropriate for lawyers and judges as well as all groups and ages. We therefore reserve the right to disallow comments that are:

- i) obscene, indecent, profane, or vulgar
- ii) contain threats or personal attacks of any kind
- iii) contain offensive terms directed to ethnic or racial groups
- iv) are defamatory, libelous or contain *ad hominem* attacks
- v) promote or endorse a product or service
- vi) excessively repetitive or constitute 'SPAM'
- vii) or otherwise would, in the sole judgment of the 2Civility staff, tend to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Comments that do not adhere to the above guidelines will, without exception, be removed. In cases of repeat offenses, we will take action to block offenders from the page.