

Juvenile Sexting  
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New Sexting Bill Signed in Arizona Governor Brewer signed into law Senate Bill 1266 which makes sexting among juveniles a misdemeanor or petty offense depending on the circumstances. Juvenile sexting in Arizona is technically child pornography and can still be prosecuted as such. Child pornography has a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years prison per image. This new sexting law, however, gives prosecutors a lesser offense to charge so that juveniles don't end up in prison and don't end up as registered sex-offenders for a practice that is unfortunately not uncommon among teenagers. What is Sexting? Sexting is defined as using a means of electronic communication to transmit a visual depiction of a minor that depicts explicit sexual material. It is a crime to both transmit or possess such material. The statute protects the juvenile who didn't solicit the transmission and reports it to a parent. If the visual depiction isn't broadly disseminated (displayed to more than one person) then the offense is a petty offense under the law. Again, it is important to remember that even though the sexting may be treated as a misdemeanor or petty offense under this new statute, sexting still constitutes child pornography and at the discretion of the prosecutor may be charged as a serious felony.

If you or someone you know meets the above criteria, it's time to put the criminal record behind you by having the record expunged. Jeremy Geigle is a criminal defense attorney and shareholder at JacksonWhite. He has been practicing over 8 years and has handled thousands of felony and misdemeanor counts. He works in both adult and juvenile court handling DUIs, aggravated felonies and sex crimes in Arizona. He works in Federal, State and local jurisdictions including Phoenix, Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Scottsdale, Glendale, Tempe and Peoria. Mr. Geigle is a 5-Star-Client-Rated Attorney on Avvo. To read more about what former clients are saying about hiring Mr. Geigle or to set up a free consultation, please visit [www.jacksonwhitelaw.com/criminal-defense-law](http://www.jacksonwhitelaw.com/criminal-defense-law).

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