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### Divorce and Social Networking - New Rules

Remember the [YouTube](#) spectacle of Tricia Walsh Smith who publicly humiliated her husband and, ultimately, herself.

In the age of social networking, new rules of apply to couples going through divorce. The rules, as compiled by [Time](#), can succinctly be boiled to one- “Discretion is the better of valor.”

#### 1. Don't brag.

Your claims of poverty will ring hollow if you brag on [Facebook](#) about your purchases of expensive items or post photographs of lavish vacations.

#### 2. Keep the party off-line

Sure you may want to let off some steam, but if you are engaged in a custody fight, the pictures of you holding a bong in one hand and a half empty bottle of “Jack” in the other are not going to win you points with the judge. They probably are not going to be too helpful when lecturing your kids about sobriety or on your next job interview.

#### 3. Guilt by association.

You are who you hang out with. See Rule No 2.

#### 4. Keep the details of the divorce private.

Don't fuel the fire with comments and criticisms on the internet. No one likes their spouse's divorce attorney or the judge after an unfavorable ruling. But remember, the judge is going to

make many rulings in the course of a case- some you will win, others you will lose. Do you really want the judge to rule on your case after you publicly criticized him or her?

### **5. Don't Defriend.**

As Time points out, unless it is high conflict, "Don't "defriend" in-laws or your ex's friends right away. People need time to adjust."