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## **Joliet Divorce Attorney Talks About 5 Costly Modern-Day Divorce Mistakes**

Hi-

I'm Victoria Breslan a Joliet IL Divorce Attorney. I serve the surrounding Will County, IL communities as well as represent some of our clients in Cook County courts when they may need it.

I've devoted a large part of my practice to help people avoid common divorce losses and set them on a clear and fast path to emerge from their divorce in the best emotional and financial shape possible so they can get back to being happy!

In this short article, I want to point out five modern-day things you should avoid if you are considering or currently in the process of a divorce.

It is important to know that individually, any one of these mistakes could seriously impair the efforts of even the most experienced divorce lawyer and drastically jeopardize your chances of a win in court or settlement.



### **Modern Day Divorce Mistake #1 – Emails & Texting**

Here is one of the most important things you should always consider.

Any form of electronic communication has the potential to leave a traceable digital trail.

This includes your emails, text messages, pictures and any related electronic transmission between you and your spouse could possibly end up under a courtroom microscope and painstakingly scrutinized by a judge when making decisions on your case.

*It happens all the time!*

In fact, studies show that in the last three years, 92% of the nation's top divorce attorneys have seen an increase in the number of cases using evidence taken from iPhones, Droids and other smart phones.

Texting with your spouse during your divorce has few advantages so practicing radio silence during your divorce is probably the best idea.

## **Modern Day Divorce Mistake #2 – Social Media**

In other research, studies also show that social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat are starting to play a huge role in divorce cases.

An increase in the use of evidence from social media networking websites during the past five years is up 81% with Facebook as the primary source of this type of evidence. Believe it or not, Myspace followed with 15%, Twitter at 5% and other choices listed by 14% and of course these numbers continue to grow and change based on whatever the newest platform is.

So you probably are wondering how can this be used in the case?

Simple.

Just like an email or text, your status updates, online photo albums, profile pages, comments, etc. may be used as evidence to contradict statements you previously made and help prove things like irresponsibility, mishandling of assets, kids, emotional instability, alcohol/drug use, etc.

Simply put, the best thing to do (starting right now) would be to avoid all social media until your case is complete.

## **Modern Day Divorce Mistake #3 – Dating**

Divorce proceedings can be long and grueling.

Don't make the mistake of immediately turning to another romantic relationship to help you cope.

Even joining an online dating website can raise red flags and as previously mentioned, may be used as evidence against you in your divorce case especially if there are issues with custody or visitation of minor children.

If you feel you absolutely must date while you are in the process of divorcing, please consult with your divorce attorney as soon as possible and carefully consider the consequences both legally and emotionally.

The best thing to do is *just wait*.

### **Modern Day Divorce Mistake #4 – Snooping**

It's hard to resist the urge to snoop into your spouse's affairs – especially if you have reason to suspect they are up to no good.

“Snooping” can become very sophisticated these days. You may know all of the passwords to your spouses' accounts and free hi-tech spying software is just a download away.

But beware. It can be illegal to install spyware on a computer owned by someone else.

And even if you don't intend to snoop, it still makes sense to learn about your rights and what is and isn't allowed in your state.

After all, you also need to be aware because your spouse could instead be illegally snooping on *you*.

In fact, a few years ago, a Michigan man was up against felony charges after he accessed his wife's Gmail account to learn about her extra-marital affair.

Most laws prohibit the intentional interception of wire, electronic or oral communication commonly known as “wiretapping”.

Remember, it's always better to err on the side of caution and keep yourself out of hot water so it's probably best not to snoop.

## Modern Day Divorce Mistake #5 – Shopping & Credit Cards

Are you one of those people who relies on shopping as a form of feel-good therapy?

Many people do, but while going through a divorce (or even thinking about one), resist the urge to use this “remedy.”

This is not the time to increase your debt or to “get-back” at your spouse by spending (dissipating) marital assets. In fact, you may wind up footing the whole bill in the end PLUS attorney’s fees to figure it all out.

Once your divorce is over, you’ve reestablished a financial plan and you know how much money you can safely spend, you can then shop to your heart’s content (provided you stay within your budget).

Until then, proceed with caution and remember *this is the time when you need to think financially, not emotionally.*

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