## #NOTWEETINGAFTERMIDNIGHT: ETHICAL RISKS IN SOCIAL MEDIA USE

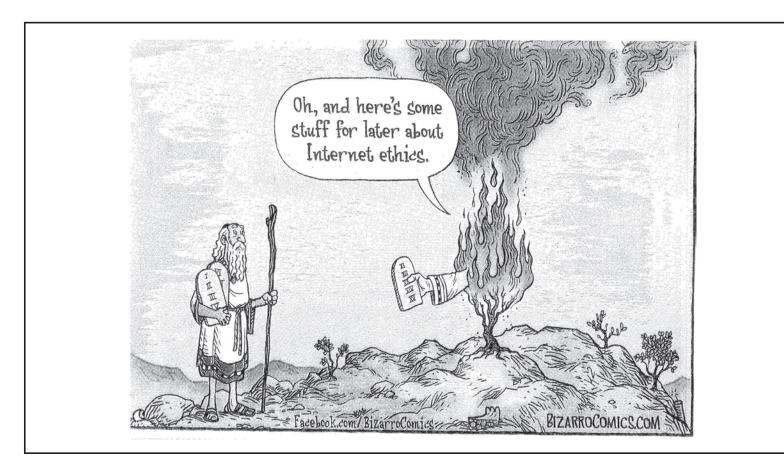
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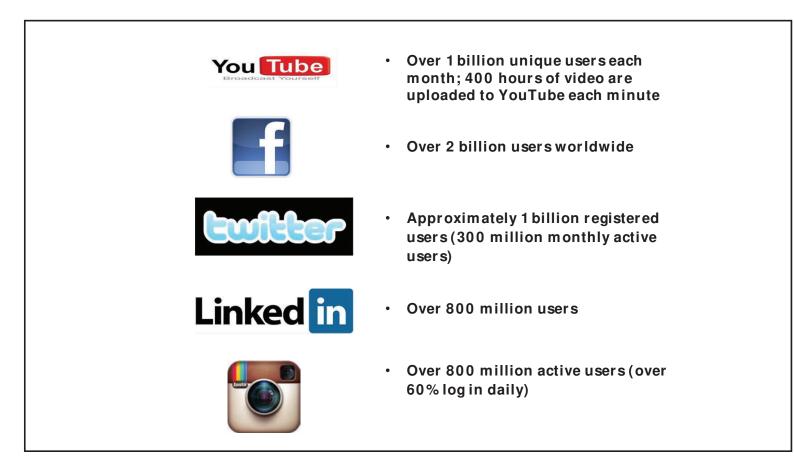
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### WHY IS IT CRITICAL FOR LAWYERS TO BE MINDFUL OF ETHICAL GUIDELINES WHEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA?

• Reason #1: Social media too pervasive to ignore



# Fun Facts 82% of all adult Americans have at least one social networking presence Sixteen minutes of every hour spent online is spent on Facebook More Facebook profiles (5) are created every second than there are people born (4.5) More than a billion tweets are processed every 48 hours (about 6,000 every second) Every 60 seconds, there are over 293,000 status updates posted on Facebook, as well as 510,000 comments and 136,000 photos 146 million "likes" generated every hour 4.2 billion Instagram likes every day

# REASON # 2: A NEW STANDARD OF COMPETENCE

- ABA Ethics 20/20 Commission and new Rule 1.1
  - "To maintain the requisite knowledge and skill, a lawyer should keep abreast of changes in the law and its practice, including the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology."
- Trend in courts nationwide to hold lawyers to a higher standard regarding technology: a "duty to Google"

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