ADMISSION OF INTERNET EVIDENCE

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Overview

- 1. Self-help discovery
 - Disciplinary Rules
 - SCA
 - Constitution
 - Public Policy
- 2. Formal discovery
 - Social media not immune
 - Threshold showing req'd
 - SCA compelled consent
- 3. Admissibility



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Internet = Public

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The Disciplinary Rules

"In representing a client, a lawyer shall not communicate or cause or encourage another to communicate about the subject of the representation with a person, organization or entity of government the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer regarding that subject, unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized by law to do so."

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