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JUVENILE SEXTING: PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Juvenile sexting can lead to serious consequences, including registration as a sex offender and more (see "The Legal Perils of Juvenile Sexting" March 31, 2017 Edition of Legal Connections). As parents, we all must take the time to monitor our kids and their behavior – including what they are doing on their phones and mobile devices. The best remedy is prevention, which starts with educating our kids about the perils of juvenile sexting. There are many resources in the community available to help: schools, technology safety experts or articles. But if you or your child find yourselves facing these issues, make sure you understand your rights, including the right to have the assistance of a knowledgeable attorney.

Monitoring your child's activity on mobile devices and computers is an important responsibility. If you discover images on your child's smartphone or device, know your rights and responsibilities. It is illegal for adults to possess child pornography or nudity oriented materials involving juveniles. While it is unlikely that a parent would be prosecuted for inadvertently or unknowingly coming into possession of



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child pornography, it is a situation that all parents need to avoid. The other potential issue parents face is the temptation to destroy evidence of a crime. For example, if a parent is aware that an investigation into their child is ongoing and either destroys the images or assists the child in destroying the images, the parent could potentially be prosecuted for tampering with evidence, obstructing justice or assisting their child in doing either.

Parents need to understand their rights and the rights of their children as well. The law is clear that police are not permitted to search a smart phone or device without a warrant in the absence of consent. You can refuse consent to search the phone or device and insist upon a court-ordered



search warrant. You can also invoke your right to remain silent. While this is something that many people struggle with when they interact with law enforcement, it may make a difference between whether or not your child is formally charged, found delinquent or forced to deal with other more serious consequences as a result of their own statements.

How best to handle the interaction with law enforcement, considering whether to make a statement or consent to a search and/or requiring that law enforcement obtain a warrant, are decisions best made with the advice of an attorney. If you're in need of an attorney, visit the Columbus Bar directory at directory.cbalaw.org and watch for more information in the July 7 issue of Legal Connections. ■



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EDUCATION & EVENTS

Wednesday, May 17 • 1:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Understanding Ohio's Medical Marijuana Laws
3.0 CLE Hours

Friday, May 19 • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Act Two: Are You Ready for Life After Law?
3.0 CLE Hours

Tuesday, May 23 • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Life Lessons: Consequences of Criminal Convictions
3.0 CLE Hours

Wednesday, May 24 • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Cross Border Legal Issues: Cuba. Emerging Law/Trade/Culture
3.0 CLE Hours

Thursday, June 1 • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Are You Ready for Life After Law? Part Two
3.0 CLE Hours

Friday, June 2 • 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Summer Associate Legal Research Seminar

All classes listed are offered at the Columbus Bar Associations offices, 175 S. Third St. Ste. 1100. To register, call 614-221-4112 or enroll online at www.cbalaw.org.

Probate Law Institute, sponsored by CBS Agency, is May 16 • Register now: www.cbalaw.org

LEAN SIX SIGMA AT YOUR FIRM: WAITING

This week, we tackle one of the most frustrating wastes – WAITING. When you take the time to explore the benefits of Lean Six Sigma in your organization, and you start looking for waste, it will not take long before you see waiting, and you will probably see a lot of it.

We sometimes identify waiting by looking for the obvious bottlenecks in our processes. Sometimes they are a person in our organization, but oftentimes they are people and processes outside our organization.

Let's start with internal waiting: email is a great place to start when it comes to people waiting. Think about how often you or your employees cannot move on to the next step in a process until someone internally answers an email. There are other kinds of internal waste, like waiting on a copier to be available, waiting for mail to be scanned, waiting for a meeting to start, etc. When you are looking to reduce or eliminate the waste of waiting, internal waste is the best place to start.



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Often, the external waiting is the harder waste to tackle. Whether you are waiting on the court/judge, opposing counsel or even your client, waiting causes delays in getting work done as efficiently as you would like. While your hands may be tied when it comes to reducing wait times when dealing with internal matters, you can do your best to make sure your follow-up is automated and that you set clear expectations whenever possible.

Lastly, be sure to practice what you preach and do your very best to make sure that whenever possible, no one is waiting on you! **Next up, NON-UTILIZED TALENT.** ■



June 8, 2017 12:00pm Sheraton Capitol Square

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Columbus Bar Annual Meeting, featuring the installation of new officers and the following award recipients:



Bar Service Medal
Richard C. Simpson
Bricker & Eckler LLP



Professionalism Award
S. Michael Miller
Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

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Tickets are \$45 per person or \$450 per table of 10. To reserve your seats, please contact Donna Sweet at (614) 221-4112 or donna@cbalaw.org.