

"We Have One Thing in Common – We Like To Win"

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## Social Media as Evidence... For Better or Worse?

So... you're thinking that since what you post, tweet, like, and comment on a social networking site can be admissible in court as evidence... you'll just post, tweet, like, and comment things that will benefit you and your case! For instance, you will declare to everyone on a social forum that you did not commit the alleged crime. You will complain about your spouse's unreasonable behavior while you seek or finalize a divorce. You will state that you never entered into that contract that you allegedly breached. Obviously, these declarations on

social networking sites will help demonstrate your innocence, entitlement to divorce and subsequent support, and noninvolvement or non-fault.

Sorry, but your strategy won't necessarily work! What you post, tweet, like, and comment on a social networking site is considered publicly disseminated and, consequently, can be admissible in court as evidence *against* you. The court will unlikely allow you to introduce your own self-serving social media statement. If introduced into

evidence, it is given little weight since anyone can bolster his or her case by voluntarily creating a façade of supporting evidence via social media outlets.

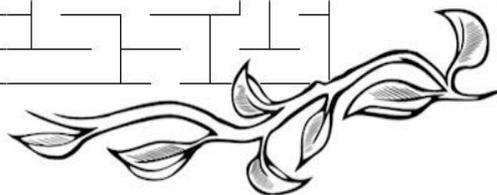
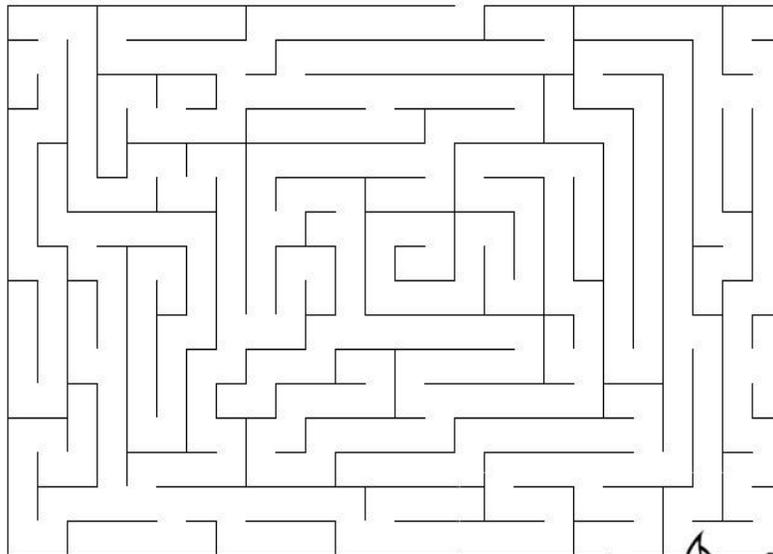
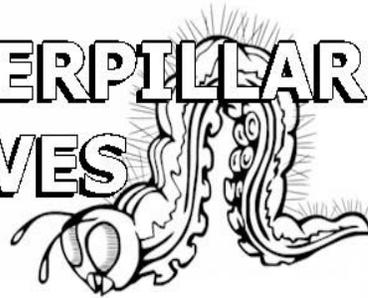
The saying goes "for better or for worse." Yet, when it comes to social media, it can be used to worsen your circumstance but not necessarily to better it. The attorneys at The Cooper Law Firm, P.C. can explain in detail how social media may be implicated in your case. Call today to schedule a free 30-minute consultation with one of our knowledgeable attorneys.



## A Complete Spring Cleaning Checklist

1. Open windows
2. Dust lighting fixtures and clean lamp shades
3. Sweep and scrub floors
4. Remove everything from closets. Donate items you haven't used in more than 6 months
5. Clean mirrors and television/computer screens
6. Freshen mattress by sprinkling baking soda and vacuuming
7. Wipe down doors and baseboards
8. Wash doorknobs
9. Empty all cabinets, vanities and drawers. Clean shelves and discard expired medication
10. Shine faucets
11. Clean and organize pantry. Discard expired foods
12. Wash stove, fridge, oven and microwave
13. Wash windows and window seals
14. Wipe down tables and chairs
15. Wash floor registers and vent covers
16. Wipe down blades of ceiling fans
17. Landscape! Wash siding, pull weeds and spot paint handrails and doors

**HELP THE CATERPILLAR  
FIND THE LEAVES**





*With Easter around the corner, this cake is sure to be a hit with family and friends!*

## Simply Delicious Carrot Cake

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 30 min. Cook: 50 minutes

### Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups grated carrots
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

### FROSTING

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 cup butter, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup powdered sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla

### Directions

1. Combine flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon. Set aside.
2. Combine eggs, sugar and oil. Mix until smooth.
3. Stir in flour mixture a little at a time until well blended.
4. Stir in carrots, walnuts and vanilla, mixing evenly.
5. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch pan.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes.

### FROSTING

1. Combine cheese and butter until smooth.
2. Add vanilla.
3. Add sugar a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup at a time, until well blended.
4. Frost once carrot cake is cooled.

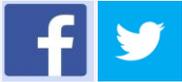
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## Employee Highlight Corner



Meet our new attorney Jessica Dixon, Esq.! Jessica is originally from Ohio. She attended Otterbein University and graduated summa cum laude with a major in Political Science and minors in Speech Communication, Legal Studies, and Psychology.

Jessica graduated from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) summa cum laude with a J.D. and

certificate in Dispute Resolution. At law school, Jessica was elected class secretary, and was an academic tutor, a research assistant, and a special staff editor for the Law Review. Jessica recently relocated to Virginia with her husband and joined The Cooper Law Firm in December 2013. Jessica primarily focuses on family law. We are so happy to have her on board!!



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