

How Online Communications Impacts The Court



O'Mara, Crump agree: Social media playing key role in Trayvon case

- "I think if I could do away with all media, including all social media, it would not have an involvement in a criminal case," Mark O'Mara said. "But that's a fantasy that was 40 years ago."

- Orlando Sentinel April 27, 2013

Crump: " by giving a voice to outraged onlookers who thought justice needed to be served."

"We didn't engage social media," he said. "It's almost as if social media engaged us."

He said the grass-roots-social-media movements that were bred from Trayvon's death have the potential to alter the way all criminal cases are handled in the future.

"All the world is watching because they want to see if everybody gets equal justice in America," he said.

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But the issue began with a woman who was on the panel considered for jury service but wasn't selected. Tory Delcarmen was excused from jury duty last week and wrote a letter to Rushing that included her phone number, according to testimony Thursday.

Delcarmen also **befriended a juror on the social media website Instagram**. When Rushing got the letter, he called Delcarmen from jail and she told him she had a friend on his jury, Assistant State Attorney London Kite said. They discussed which juror was her friend and flirted with each other.

Ethical Considerations for Judges in the Era of Social Media

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