This glossary is current as of Spring 2021. The range of social media platforms and the language associated with them is constantly changing. Judges and court personnel need to be regularly updated.

**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS:**

**Facebook:** Online social networking website and mobile app on which people can create profiles, share information such as photos, videos and written posts, comment on or link to information posted by others, and join groups to find housing, objects, and community/shared interests. Allows for direct messaging to individuals and groups, location sharing and video calling through “Facebook Messenger.”

**Instagram:** Mobile app that allows users to share pictures and videos and apply filters to them. These can be posted permanently, or on “stories” that disappear after 24 hours. Allows for direct messaging and video calling.

**Linkedin:** Social network for businesses and professionals. Individuals can make connections with others and create profiles. Company pages can also be created. Job postings and applications can be found and posted on this platform as well.

**Reddit:** Collection of forums where people can share news and content or comment on other people’s posts. “Subreddits” are dedicated to sharing news and asking questions about specific topics.

**Snapchat:** Mobile application that allows users to take “snaps” (photos or short videos), add text and drawings, and send them to selected recipients. The platform has been popular for sending nude pictures because photographs only appear for 1-10 seconds. However, screenshots and third-party applications allow recipients to save photos and videos, sometimes without the senders’ knowledge. This has created many serious problems. The application also allows for direct messaging and video calling. Users can choose to show their location to all their friends through the app.

**Tik Tok:** Social media platform where users share short videos of varied types. Allows for direct messaging.

**Twitter:** A microblogging service that allows users to post pictures or short messages (“tweets”) that must be 140 characters or less. Users can send private messages to others.

**WhatsApp:** Messenger application using the internet to send free messages, images, audio or video and allows for video calling.

**Youtube:** Video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips.
### Online Dating Platforms:

All of the applications below are geosocial, meaning that they connect users based on their location. Users connect with people within a selected radius of distance.

- **Bumble**: Online dating application that allows users to anonymously swipe to like or dislike others’ profiles based on their photos, a short bio, and common interests. Once two users have "matched," they can exchange messages. In matches between men and women, only women can make the first contact. In same-sex matches either person can send a message first. The app also has social and professional networking options.

- **Grindr**: Location-based social networking and online dating application for gay, bi, trans, and queer people. It was one of the first dating apps for gay men.

- **Her**: A networking and dating application geared towards lesbian, queer, bisexual and straight women and non-binary people.

- **Hinge**: Online dating application designed for more serious and long term connections between users. Users draft their profiles in response to various questions and can add more personal details and pictures. Swipes to like a user are not anonymous.

- **Tinder**: Similar to Bumble, but there are no restrictions on who messages first.

### Social Media Forms of Communication

- **Direct Message**: Private form of communication between social media users that is only visible to the sender and recipient.

- **Post**: Content such as a message, visual content or audio publicly posted on social media.

- **Screenshot**: A captured image of the display screen of an electronic device. This enables the picture-taker to save images of text message conversations, snapchats, photos, and call logs for future reference. These images can be easily shared on other sites, like Facebook™.

- **Secondary Sexting**: When the recipient of a sext forwards it to a third party without the consent of the original sender (who is usually the subject of the photo).

- **Sext**: A sexually explicit message, image or video sent by message.

- **Stories**: Mobile, full-screen, vertical videos and images that only last for 24 hours before they disappear. They are temporary but can be organized into collections on some application like Instagram for later viewing by others.

### Platforms Dedicated to Video Calling

- **Facetime**: Application that supports video and audio calling between Apple devices.

- **Zoom**: Cloud-based video conferencing service with live chat. Functionalities allow for recording and breaking users up into different “breakout rooms” to have smaller separate video conferences within the same call.

- **Google Meet**: Google Meet was designed specifically for large-scale video conferences that can be joined with a link or a code. Requires a Google account.