

**Debra S. Frank, Certified Family Law Specialist,
Interviewed for KTTV Ten O'Clock News Segment
on Facebook and Divorce**

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Debra S. Frank, a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, Chair of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section and Immediate Past Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, was interviewed for a news segment on Facebook and Divorce by KTTV, Channel 11, Los Angeles on May 21, 2012.

Debra S. Frank (<http://www.DSFrankLawOffice.com>), a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, was interviewed by Christina Gonzalez of KTTV FOX 11 on May 21, 2012 for a news segment on Facebook and Divorce. The segment appeared on the Ten O'clock News and was re-broadcast the following day in the morning.

The news segment explored the connections between Divorce and Facebook and other social media. More than a third of divorce filings last year in the U.K. contained the word Facebook, according to a survey by Divorce Online, a UK-based legal services firm. See <http://blogs.smartmoney.com/advice/2012/05/21/does-facebook-wreck-marriages/>.

Similar studies in the United States have also shown the increased appearance of social media in divorce proceedings. An overwhelming 81% of the nation's top divorce attorneys say they have seen an increase in the number of cases using social networking evidence during the past five years, according to a recent survey of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). Facebook holds the distinction of being the unrivaled leader for online divorce evidence with 66% citing it as the primary source. See <http://www.aaml.org/about-the->

[academy/press/press-releases/e-discovery/big-surge-social-networking-evidence-says-survey-](#)

Attorney Frank commented that people do not realize that what they are saying and doing can be used against them. She advises her clients to stop using Facebook and other social media during the pendency of any dissolution action and even thereafter in the event of further proceedings.

In addition to her current position as Chair of the Family Law section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Debra S. Frank is serving a second consecutive two year term on the Beverly Hills Bar Association's Board of Governors. She is also the Immediate Past Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section.

Ms. Frank maintains her law practice in the Century City area of Los Angeles. She has practiced law for more than 30 years. A certified family law specialist, Ms. Frank has played important roles on the executive committees of the State Bar's Family Law Section, the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Family Law Section, the Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section, and the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS). She has lectured at and served as the reference book editor of, the annual LACBA Family Law Symposium. She also has written articles on family law, served as a Judge ProTem, and is a past commissioner and vice chair of the California Law Revision Commission. She earned her undergraduate degree from Boston University, her M.A. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, and her J.D. degree from Southwestern University School of Law. Through her work with CEB and other contributions to the legal community as a practitioner and instructor, Ms. Frank has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing legal education and the furtherance of the legal profession.

Southern California *Super Lawyers* magazine named her as one of the top attorneys in Southern California for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. And she is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell. (AV® Preeminent™ and BV® Distinguished™ are certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies, 2011-present).

Her practice includes divorce and dissolution of marriage; California community property; spousal support/alimony; child support; child custody and child visitation; breach of fiduciary duty; domestic partnerships; prenuptial & postnuptial agreements; litigation; modifications of custody and support agreements; domestic violence;

interstate custody; international custody; paternity and paternity tests; and property and debt division.

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