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## **Criminal and regulatory offences in using social networking evidence in litigation**

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It is widely known that the fraudulent, or 'imaginative', claimant is often careless and the growth of privately owned social networking sites with free-access, acting as a social address book to connect and interact with "friends (such as Myspace, Faceparty, Friendster, Bebo, Badoo, Habbo, Nexopia, Tagged and many more) has provided a rich source of 'private' or 'personal' information on claimants available to the world or the more 'limited' circle of their network 'friends' e.g. a depressed and socially withdrawn claimant who posts photographs on Facebook indicating otherwise. For professional 'fact-gatherers' such as lawyers, insurance adjusters, claims handlers and private investigators, the vast wealth of information that people volunteer on Facebook and similar social networking sites, can be a goldmine, notwithstanding the fact that many lawyers are Facebook users themselves...

## **Eye-witnesses and police line-ups**

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### **The eye-witness' recollection**

A witness may not have information about all elements of an incident. Thus, some recollections may be correct while others may be incorrect. Note any inconsistencies for future reference. Also, note that the inconsistency of one element with another does not imply that the entire statement is inaccurate...

## **Ireland's laws**

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Researchers of Irish law are regularly faced with obstacles to effective research that are peculiar to the Irish legal system. Ireland has a common law system. As a result there are three core elements of our legal system – a hierarchy of courts on a constitutional basis. The Irish hierarchal court structure was outlined in Articles 64-73 of the Constitution of Saorstát Éireann 1922 and elaborated upon in the Courts of Justice Act 1924.

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