Lawyers Accused of Facebook Spying Can Face Ethics Complaint, Top NJ Court Rules

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that two defense lawyers accused of spying on a plaintiff's Facebook page can be prosecuted for attorney misconduct, according to a report in ***The Wall Street Journal***.

The court described the case as involving a "novel ethical issue."

"Two defense attorneys in New Jersey are accused of snooping on the private Facebook account of a plaintiff suing their client," the report says. "The Facebook account was at first publicly viewable. But after the plaintiff tightened the settings and put his profile page behind a privacy wall, the lawyers didn't stop monitoring it. A paralegal at their firm was able to get access by sending a Facebook friend request to the plaintiffs without revealing her employer."

Read the article.