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Technology, Law, and the Workplace: Week in Review

It was another busy week in the world of technology and employment and labor law. Mercifully, the Charlie Sheen uproar seems to have tapered off for the time being ([although you can now watch his online rants on Ustream](#)). Perhaps even more shocking, Eric Meyer at The Employer Handbook reported on [a sexting case that turned out surprisingly well for an unprepared employer](#) (don't expect to be so lucky if you repeat their mistakes). Other stories from the week include a great summary of [some of the wage and hour issues associated with telecommuting](#), updates in the [WikiLeaks/Bank of America employee saga](#), and [the impact of social media in the NFL labor negotiations](#).

But speaking of Charlie Sheen, stories about [a student's racist rant](#) and [the potential backfiring effects of social media](#) serve as cautionary tales for employers. Information security was also in the news, with articles about [the threat of data theft over unsecured wireless networks](#) and [cyber terrorism](#). As technology continues to evolve, employers should keep in mind that the law, while slow to change, is based on notions of reasonableness. There are good legal reasons for employers to pay attention to developments in the tools available to prevent and monitor employee misconduct.

Technology in the Workplace

- Social Media Dos and Dents for Employers ([Delaware Employment Law Blog](#))
- What Can You Blog About Your Boss ([WBUR](#))
- The Cost of a Data Breach ([Risk Management Monitor](#))
- Telecommuting employees raise special wage and hour issues ([Ohio Employers Law Blog](#))
- Anonymous Airs Bank of America Emails from Whistleblower ([Daily Tech](#))
- Emailed Policy Updates for Noncompetes Not A Best Practice ([Trade Secret/Noncompete Blog](#))
- Moms feel stress, guilt from work e-mails, texts at home ([MSNBC](#))
- Social Media Policies and Company Culture ([Monster Thinking](#))
- Will Tweets Destroy the NFL and NFLPA CBA Negotiations? ([Shear on Social Media Law](#))

Technology and the Law More Generally

- Senate Hearing on the State of Online Consumer Privacy ([Digital Passing](#))

- Judge: Faribault man guilty of inciting suicides through Internet chats ([Star Tribune](#))
- Private Information Stored on Electronic Devices Subject to Search by Law Enforcement If Arrested in California ([Trading Secrets](#))
- FTC Accepts Final Settlement with Twitter ([Privacy & Information Security Blog](#))
- Ref sues Timberwolves reporter over tweet ([MSP Business Journal](#), [WSJ Law Blog](#))
- Jury: Blogger Johnny Northside must pay \$60,000 to fired community leader ([Star Tribune](#))

Technology News

- Future Computer Chips Will Make More Mistakes (And Thats a Good Thing) ([Fast Company](#))
- Twitter Joins Facebook in Beefing Up Security, Foiling Hackers ([Fast Company](#))
- Robot Butlers Are Finally a Reality ([Fast Company](#))
- IBM Hopes Robots Will Keep Your Luggage From Getting Lost ([Fast Company](#))
- When the Marketing Reach of Social Media Backfires ([NY Times](#))
- U.C.L.A. Students Video Rant Against Asians Fuels Firestorm ([NY Times](#))
- Mens Health says Minneapolis is the fourth most socially networked city ([the line](#))
- Robot Suits Transform Humans Into Super Strong Cyborgs ([Fast Company](#))
- Threats to Traveling Data ([NY Times](#))
- When Unrest Stirs, Bloggers Are Already in Place ([NY Times](#))
- Germanys Cyber-War Intensifies ([Fast Company](#))
- Facebook Users Who Are Under Age Raise Concerns ([NY Times](#))
- Robokind Robots: Theyre Just Like Us! ([Fast Company](#))