

Exploring Legal Trends in Social Media Liability

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In this Litigators Lounge episode, Anders Sleight and Niall McMillan of Offit Kurman discuss recent jury verdicts in California and New Mexico holding Meta (Facebook/Instagram) and Alphabet/Google (YouTube) liable for alleged harms tied to social media platform design, including algorithm-driven, “never-ending” feeds and resulting emotional distress and mental health injuries, especially to children. They note thousands of similar cases pending, including roughly 1,300 in California, and explain key legal issues likely to shape appeals. Anders and Niall also highlight broader implications for consumer-facing internet companies, including emerging concerns around AI and chatbot use.