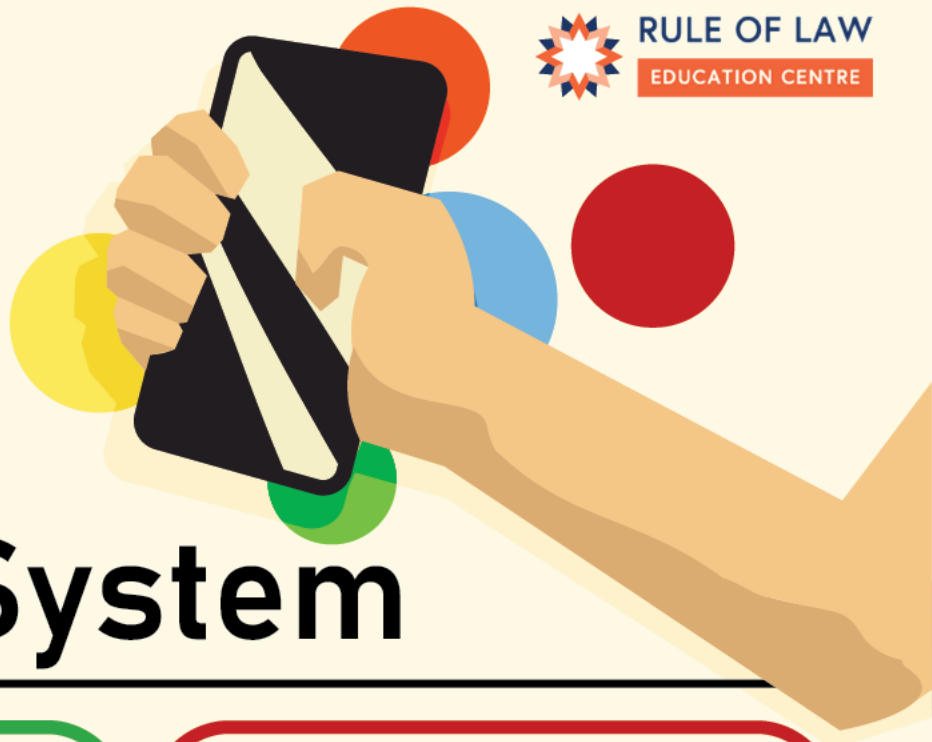




Impacts of Social Media on the Justice System



Positive

Improves public knowledge and access

- Acts as a forum for discussion.
- Connects the courts to younger citizens.

Facilitates open justice and transparency

- Courts use social media to publish judgements and information.
- Improves public confidence.

Keeps citizens updated with the current legal landscape

- Courts may provide direct, timely and accurate information to reduce media inaccuracies.
- Enables knowledge and compliance.



Negative

Threatens the reliability of information

- Misinformation and inaccuracies may be published unchecked.
- There are little to no legal repercussions for doing so.

Trial by social media

- Social media commentary on topical cases may stir public perceptions of guilt.
- This erodes the presumption of innocence and fairness in trials.

Disrupts the administration of justice

- Jurors may be swayed by social media discourse and controversy.
- Juror unavailability due to prejudice strains the court system's time and resources.