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Newsroom

Argento on Digital Wills

Professor Zoe Argento speaks with WPRI about the "digital dilemma" created when a loved one dies, but leaves no access to his or her email and social media accounts.

From WPRI, Channel 12 Providence: "[Families left with digital dilemma after death: Digital wills designate access to social media](#)" by Jennifer Quinn, reporting by Susan Hogan

[Families left with digital dilemma after death](#)

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., July 25, 2013 (WPRI) -- Talking with your loved ones about death is an uncomfortable subject, but unfortunately if you're not prepared for it, your family could be left with digital drama. [...]

Property lawyers say online social providers are reluctant to give access to surviving family members. A Facebook spokesperson tells Eyewitness News that when an account is memorialized "it restricts the profile and associated content to Facebook friends that the deceased had while alive".

"From a business point of view, they may be concerned that not all users would want these intimate details of their lives to be exposed after death", said **Professor Zoe Argento of Roger Williams University Law School**. [...]

For full story, click [here](http://www.wpri.com/news/12-for-action/families-left-with-digital-dilemma-after-death). [<http://www.wpri.com/news/12-for-action/families-left-with-digital-dilemma-after-death>]