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Attorney's Guide to Safe FAX: Dear Dr. Schwarz

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- Q: I am a single attorney; do I have to be married to have safe fax?
- A: Although married people fax quite often, there are many single people who fax complete strangers every day.
- Q: The partners in my firm say they never had fax when they were associates and had to mail memos until they were partners. How long do you think someone should wait before they begin faxing?
- A: Faxing can be performed at virtually any stage of your legal career, once you learn the correct procedures.
- Q: If I fax something to myself, will I go blind?
- A: Certainly not, as far as we can see.
- Q: Our firm does not have fax; however, there is a place on our street where you can go and pay for fax. Is this legal?
- A: Yes. Many attorneys have no other outlet for their fax drives and must pay a "professional" when their need to fax becomes too great.
- Q: Should a cover always be used for faxing?
- A: Unless you are really sure of the one you are faxing, a cover should be used to insure safe faxing.
- Q: What happens if I incorrectly do the procedure and fax prematurely?
- A: Don't panic. Many people prematurely fax when they haven't faxed in a long time. Just start over (most people don't mind if you try again).
- Q: I have a fax at home and at the law office. Can transmissions become mixed-up?
- A: Being bi-faxual can be confusing, but as long as you use a cover with each one—you won't transmit anything you're not supposed to.

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