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UH Law Expert Available to Explain Twin Social Media Landmark Jury Verdicts, Shift in Tech Liability

Houston, March 25, 2026 – In a pair of closely watched cases, juries in New Mexico, and California have delivered back-to-back verdicts against Meta and other social media/tech platforms, signaling a potential shift in how courts evaluate social media liability.

“For the first time, courts have held social media platforms accountable for how their product design can harm users,” said Nikolas Guggenberger, an assistant professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center with a joint appointment with the UH Cullen College of Engineering.

“This is a new legal territory that could reshape an industry long shielded by Section 230. Platforms will have to rethink their focus on engagement at any cost, which has outlived itself,” he added.

[Guggenberger](#) specializes on antitrust, law & technology, privacy, and regulation. He has frequently advised government entities and served as expert witness on technology policy, financial markets regulation, and media law.

He can help your readers understand how these decisions could impact consumers, Big Tech regulation, future litigation, developments in tech law, industry practices and more.

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