Record Nr. UNINA9910798507203321 Autore Barnes Joseph W. **Titolo** Social media ethics made easy: how to comply with FTC guidelines // Joseph W. Barnes New York, New York (222 East 46th Street, New York, NY 10017):,: Pubbl/distr/stampa Business Expert Press, , 2016 **ISBN** 1-60649-853-3 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiv. 104 pages) Giving voice to values on business ethics and corporate social Collana responsibility collection, , 2333-8814 Disciplina 302.231 Soggetti Online social networks - Moral and ethical aspects Social media - Moral and ethical aspects Internet marketing - Moral and ethical aspects Word-of-mouth advertising - Moral and ethical aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 93-99) and index. 1. The social, digital, and mobile landscape -- 2. Defining social media Nota di contenuto -- 3. Defining ethics -- 4. Why this book is necessary: the evidence --5. Why we need ethics policies and guidelines -- 6. The Federal Trade Commission steps in -- 7. How to create a social media policy: what to consider -- 8. Steps to create a social media ethics policy -- 9. The legal backlash -- 10. Emerging/future issues -- 11. What you can do to make a difference -- 12. Sample social media ethics policies --Reference -- Index. Sommario/riassunto When you go to buy a product online, book travel, or research a service, do you read the customer reviews? Do you count on those reviews to be from real customers? If you said, yes, then you are like most of us. The problem is that today's reviews have been infiltrated with fake reviews and fake testimonials. It's hard to tell a real review from a fake review in a world where we count on trust and rely more on each other than traditional marketing messages. This book is about truth--how to understand a real review from a fake review, why it is important to establish a social media policy at every business and organization, and how to create that policy. Until the Federal Trade

Commission started cracking down, there were even cases of people

marketing themselves as "reviewers" on You-Tube. They would happily submit reviews for just \$5 or \$10 each. But it gets much more serious. In New York, the Attorney General cracked down on restaurants that were hiring people to submit fake reviews. Over the last several years, as the use of social media has increased, we have seen many instances of ethics violations from fake online reviews, to testimonial posts by people connected with a brand but not revealing the connection, to tweets that try to turn a tragedy into a marketing event. This has prompted a call for ethics training in social media. That is one of the key reasons for this book. At the same time, the Federal Trade Commission has created a series of "strict" guidelines that instruct businesses and organizations to disclose specific information to protect consumers in ways that are "clear and conspicuous." In this book we explain the current social/digital marketing landscape, describe why we need social media ethics standards, and how to create and implement a social media ethics policy for your business or organization.