PHONE NUMBERS, EMOJIS AND GIF FILES AS ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

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ABSTRACT: Due to constant technological progress, the conclusion of electronic contracts has become common. Thus, electronic signatures are used to identify the parties and to express their agreement regarding the content of the contract.

The use of these electronic signatures led to emojis being used in electronic contracts. The judicial cases in which these types of electronic signatures are apparently used, must be analyzed, as it is necessary to determine the probative power of the electronic document that contains this specific signature.

We would also like to mention that a theoretical analysis of GIF files and phone numbers as electronic signatures is necessary in order to prevent certain legal interpretation problems that might arise in future litigation.

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