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Live blogging from legal trials has become one of the most accessible ways in which the public can gain direct insight into legal proceedings. Whilst live blogging constitutes an important way of ensuring open justice – a key component of many democratic societies – how this immediate and detailed surveillance impacts on the legal professionals being depicted is currently unknown. By drawing on interviews with legal professionals, this article asks how live blogs impact on the legal professionals represented as well as how they interact with and incorporate live blogs into their work life practices. The article finds that live blogs have quickly become a normalized aspect of legal professionals' courtroom work in Denmark and Sweden, however live blogs' impact on their work life remains ambiguous and contentious.