



The Ethics of Cloud Computing

Amidst much debate, the North Carolina State Bar has issued a proposed Formal Ethics Opinion on the use of cloud computing (SaaS).

In its proposed Formal Ethics Opinion, the [North Carolina State Bar](#) deemed that SaaS is indeed ethical if **“reasonable care is taken effectively to minimize the risks to the confidentiality and to the security of client information and client files.”** Additionally, the NC State Bar outlined a list of 23 questions for its members to consider and ask of SaaS providers before choosing one. (Excerpted from [North Carolina State Bar Issues Proposed Formal Ethics Opinion On Use of Cloud Computing to Manage a Law Practice.](#))

North Carolina is the first state to issue a proposed opinion on the ethics of SaaS.

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