

Scott & Scott, LLP Presents Free Webinar on Legal Risks of Third-Party Software Licensing for Cloud Providers

*Intellectual property and technology law firm, [Scott & Scott, LLP](#), presents a free one-hour CLE webinar, *Storms in the Cloud: The Legal Risks of Commercial Hosting on August 8*.*

Southlake, TX ([PRWEB](#)) July 25, 2012 -- Most software publishers restrict or prohibit –to varying degrees – their customer’s ability to “host” software products delivered to end users over the Internet. Publishers often fail to define term hosting, and service providers are often unclear about whether they are hosting a solution. “There is a universe of problems created by hosting restriction ambiguity in [software licenses](#)” said Christopher Barnett, attorney at the intellectual property and technology law firm, Scott & Scott, LLP.

Many businesses delivering products and services over the Internet cannot avoid the practical necessity of using third-party software to support their business solutions. From the operating systems controlling their servers, to the platform products on which their solutions are built, to third-party database products or other applications incorporated as integral components of those solutions, net-based businesses from Amazon to Zappos would find it difficult to compete without having off-the-shelf products available to support their IT infrastructures.

Unfortunately, most off-the-shelf End User License Agreements (EULA) and volume licensing agreements contain vague prohibitions against [hosting](#) or renting licensed software to third parties, and it can be extremely difficult to draw a line between deployments that require special commercial hosting rights - such as the rights granted under Microsoft's Services Provider License Agreement (SPLA) - and those that do not.

Christopher will discuss key concepts associated with software hosting, the legal risks associated with licensing potentially affected IT environments, and strategies for mitigating those risks in a one-hour free Texas and California CLE Webinar on Storms in the Cloud: The Legal Risks of Commercial Hosting on August 8.

Attendees will learn about:

- License terms from major publishers restricting software hosting
- Technical factors that can make those terms difficult for businesses to apply
- Legal risks associated with breaching hosting restrictions
- An overview of legal principals potentially affecting claims based on software "hosting"
- Strategies designed to help avoid hosting risks

Presenter: [Christopher Barnett](#), Attorney, Scott & Scott, LLP, focuses on technology transactions, licensing and intellectual property related disputes.

When: August 8, 2012 11:00 a.m.-noon CDT

CLE: 1 hour Texas & California Bar CLE

Cost: Free

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About Scott: Scott, LLP

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