



Cloud Computing: It's Not Pie in the Sky

It's not a new concept, either. If you use Google Gmail, you're using cloud computing. If you're a Mac user and subscribe to MobileMe, you use cloud computing. Rather than store computer data on a hard drive, cloud computing securely stores data—word processing, spreadsheets, email—online, allowing access through the Internet. Unlike files on most computers, every file stored in online storage is password protected.

The benefits of cloud computing include low cost storage, easy access by Internet (great for road warriors) and the peace of mind that your files are protected should anything happen to your computer or physical office.

Cloud computing should be used as a backup to onsite storage; that is, computer files should be backed up regularly onsite *and* sent to online storage.

Vendors that cater to individuals or small firms include Box.net (www.box.net), iDrive (www.idrive.com) and Dropbox (www.getdropbox.com).

While files stored online typically are safer than those on your desktop computer, risks still exist. Before signing with a vendor, ask about user access, regulatory compliance, recovery drills and what would happen to your data if they were to go out of business.

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Time is Ticking....

You have until Wednesday, May 6 to register for the Ethics CLE scheduled for Wednesday, **May 13 at the Emporia Country Club from 11 to 1:30 pm.**

Stanton A. Hazlett of the Kansas Disciplinary Administrator's Office will deliver this 2-hour CLE on Cost is \$15 and the registration form is online at www.lyoncounty.org/CLE_Registration-1.pdf.

Civil Procedure - June

Scott Nehrbass, Partner at Foulston & Siefkin of Overland Park and co-author of the KBA Annual Survey Civil Procedure chapter (2001 - 2009) will provide a 2-hour CLE (application pending with the CLE Commission) on Kansas Civil Procedure on **Wed, June 24 from 11 to 1:30 pm at the Emporia Country Club.** Cost is \$20 and registration forms will be posted soon on the law library website.

HIPAA Law is the topic for the July 15 CLE scheduled for the jury assembly room of the Lyon County Courthouse, 430 Commercial from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Frankie Forbes of Holbrook & Osborn, P.A., will be the speaker for this brown-bag event.

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Answers to the Law Day Contest

Congratulations to Rick Buck and Brian Williams for correctly answering the questions! Each will receive a stunningly fabulous prize from the law library vendor give-away vault. The answers:

1. 16th
2. Penny and the five dollar bill
3. 1863
4. False
5. farmer, oxen driver, rail-splitter, flatboatman, inventor of steamboat system design, captain in Black Hawk War, store owner, legislator