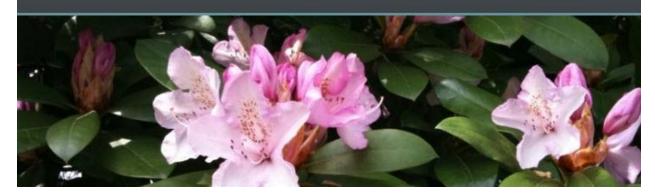
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The Ethics of Cloud Computing

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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