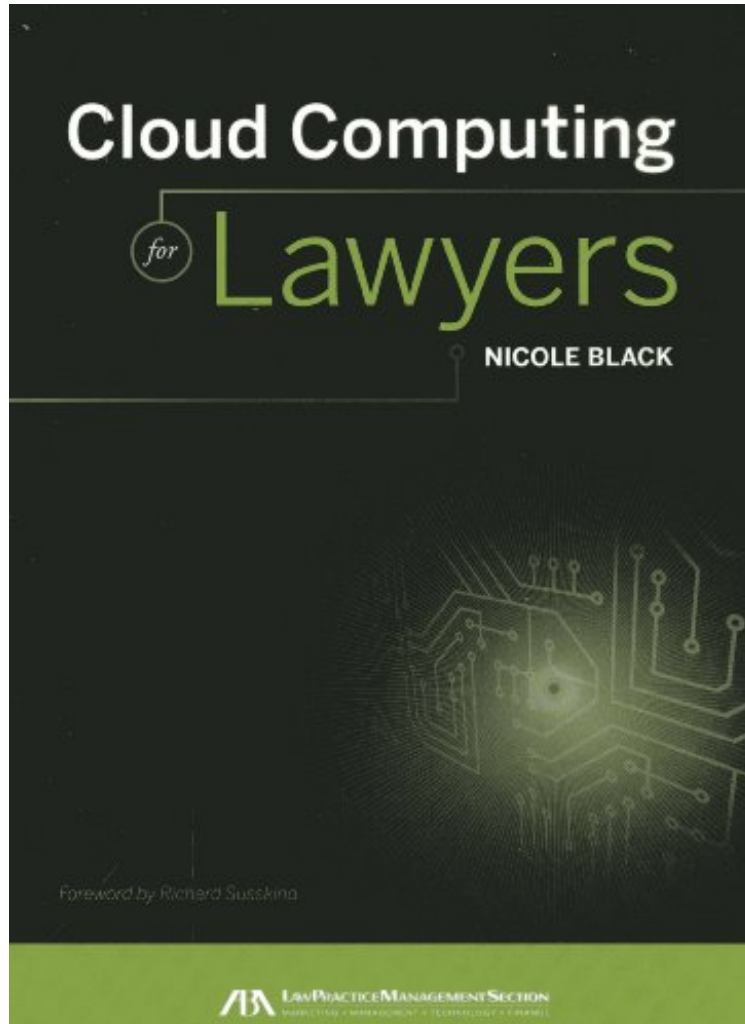


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Indispensable Cloud Computing Guide for LawyersBy Kindle CustomerA few years ago I was doing some spring canoeing in the back woods of Canada. The current was sweeping me along nicely. All was well until I zigged around a rock when I should have zagged, the canoe capsized, and I found myself in the river. It was a whole lot colder and faster than I had thought when I was on it rather than in it. I felt helpless as the current swept me along. Thanks to my life jacket, disaster was averted, and I'm still around to tell the story.If you're an attorney considering the pros and cons of cloud computing for your practice, you may have that same feeling of being carried along helplessly. Maybe not as cold or as wet, but nearly as helpless just the same.Fortunately, there is a life jacket in the form of Cloud Computing for Lawyers, a great book by attorney and legal tech guru Nicole

Black, to help you avert professional disaster. Cloud Computing should be required reading for attorneys, especially--but not solely--those involved in firm management. Black says "It is the smaller firms and solo practitioners who will benefit most from guidance in making decisions regarding the use of cloud computing in their law practices." In *Cloud Computing*, Black covers the gamut of issues surrounding moving law practices to the cloud. She has something helpful for everyone who wants to understand and deal with cloud computing. Chock full of information, the reader can begin anywhere in *Cloud Computing*, with whatever issues are of the most immediate concern. The book begins with the fundamentals, a broad overview of cloud computing concepts and history. There is a great discussion of the risks and benefits of using the cloud in your practice, and a chapter by guest writer Stephanie Kimbro on the ethical considerations of moving your information to the cloud. There is a thorough discussion of the safety and security aspects of cloud-based information. Small firm attorneys will find the most useful part of the book is included in chapters 6 and 7, in which Black deals with the practical issues of moving a private practice to the cloud. Black does a great job assembling the relevant information, not only in her well-written narrative, but in the myriad of helpful charts, graphs and tables that compare the many types of cloud-based solutions. And just when the reader thinks all the great stuff has been covered, Black adds exhibits A through J with more information, plus forms such as a Sample Service Agreement the reader can use with cloud solution vendors. There is a lot more in *Cloud Computing*, but I will leave it to the reader to cull out the things he or she finds most useful to their law firm. As a management coach for attorneys and other professionals, I can attest that resources as helpful as *Cloud Computing* are much too rare. I recommend it to all my clients, whether they are attorneys or another type of professional. *Cloud Computing* is a very good read and well worth your time and the modest purchase price. Nicole Black is Director of Business Development and Community Relations at MyCase, a cloud-based law practice management platform, and is the founder of lawtechTalk.com. She is a popular law technology blogger. You can learn more at nicoleblackesq.com and on LinkedIn. This is Black's third book. The first was *Criminal Law in New York*, which she co-authored with Karen Morris (1999) and the second was *Social Media for Lawyers: The Next Frontier*, which she co-authored with Carolyn Elefant (2010).

As more businesses move their IT systems into the cloud, lawyers need to ask if cloud computing is right for their firm. *Cloud Computing for Lawyers* features a discussion of cloud computing fundamentals, an overview of legal cloud computing products, and step-by-step instructions for implementing cloud computing in your practice--including practical tips for securing your data.

"This book surveys all the major considerations--risks, benefits, ethical pitfalls and...advantages--of practicing law in the cloud...Especially useful are checklists and detailed questions to ask when shopping for cloud providers." - LawyersUSA "(This) book was a quick, but truly informative, read. Can't go wrong." Mass LOMAP "Cloud Computing for Lawyers, by Nicole Black (my co-author for *Social Media for Lawyers*) is an extraordinary book...(It) is a critical read for all lawyers...With this book, lawyers are well armed for a bright future where the sun shines because of the cloud." - My Shingle "Nicole Black recognizes that most attorneys have no prior experience with cloud computing, but she maintains it can be learned about easily...She accomplishes, if not exceeds, this goal by approaching concepts from a more familiar legal perspective; more specifically, privacy, security, and practice management are discussed at length." Wisconsin Lawyer. About the Author Nicole Black is Vice President at MyCaseInc.Com, an intuitive law practice management system for the modern law firm. She is of counsel to Fiandach and Fiandach, in Rochester, New York and is the founder of lawtechTalk.com She frequently speaks in the U.S. and internationally about the intersection of law and technology.