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Janet Stiven Authors Cloud Technology Column for *Inside Counsel*

Underscores Need for Company Directors to Understand Risks Associated with Cloud Technologies

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Janet A. Stiven, a Chicago-based business attorney and Dykema Member who advises clients concerning the legal implications related to technology use in business operations and focuses on legal issues related to cloud computing, authored an article “Technology: Are there clouds on your board’s radar?”—that appeared in the October 25, 2013 online edition of *Inside Counsel*.

In the article, Stiven notes that with business use of cloud computing services increasing dramatically (research reveals 38 percent of surveyed organizations currently use cloud services, and 80 percent indicate they plan to use some form of cloud services in the next 12 months), corporate board members need to have a detailed understanding of their company’s strategy for using cloud technologies to fulfill their duties of care to the company.

Stiven points out that many cloud users, unaware of the risks of some popular cloud services used by businesses and their employees, are focusing their risk management activities on the wrong targets. This can produce a wide variety of risks—ranging from security, privacy, fiduciary and compliance—that, if not properly managed, can result in unwanted liability.

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