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Is Your Electronic Mobile Device Communications Policy Up-to-Date?

Most companies have electronic communications policies that cover the use of company computers to access the Internet and to send and receive email. The premise of these policies is that a company can control how its equipment is used and can access the equipment to review messages. In today's business world, however, employees are bringing in their own mobile devices (Blackberries, iPhones, etc.) on which they may access company networks. Because employers do not own these devices, the rules about their ability to control use and to obtain access are completely different.

In an article published in the American Bar Association's *Business Law Today*, business transactions partner Kathleen M. Porter explains how employers can incorporate employee use of mobile communication devices into their employee electronic communications or Internet usage policies, along with an updated analysis of how some courts have treated employer efforts to access data stored, or created, on employee-owned devices. Click to read "[Going Mobile: Are Your Company's Electronic Communications Policies Ready to Travel?](#)"

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