



## TECHGEAR

Samsung's Galaxy Tab 2 (\$250) combines multimedia, communication, and Internet functionality into a portable personal tablet device. Powered by Android 4.0, the 7-inch device includes video group chat and voice call.



## WEBLINKS



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### scotusblog.com

With SCOTUSblog's comprehensive, up-to-the-minute coverage of cases before the nation's highest court, the *Supreme Court Reporter* may be going the way of the dinosaur. A must-read for every attorney.

### associatesmind.com

What do technology, the law, and Zen Buddhism have in common? They are all frequent topics of conversation on the Associate's Mind. The blog encourages lawyers to approach their practice with an attitude of openness, eagerness, and lack of preconceptions.

### howappealing.law.com

I'm a big fan of Howard Bashman's How Appealing blog, which has churned out an endless stream of curated appellate-related content for more than a decade.

### blogs.hbr.org

With posts like "Be Proud of Your Accomplishments, Not Your Affiliations" and "The Magic of Doing One Thing at a Time," I enjoy the *Harvard Business Journal's* Blog Network because it offers great practical advice that transcends professions.

### mashable.com

I turn to this site to keep up with the latest trends in technology, Silicon Valley startups, and humorous YouTube videos.



## Bring Your Own Dilemma *The Implications of BYOD for Lawyers*

BY JORDAN FURLONG

I don't often write about technology, a reluctance I blame on a liberal arts background and a traumatizing early exposure to the programming language FORTRAN. But there's an interesting technology trend underway that has implications for how lawyers interact with their clients.

It's sometimes called the consumerization of IT (CoIT), but I prefer the more colloquial BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). Primarily, it's about enterprises losing control of their IT environments because employees insist on using their personal devices and systems rather than those issued or approved by the enterprise.

This is not going to be fun for law firms and especially not for their IT personnel. At her blog, Above and Beyond KM (Knowledge Management), Mary Abraham sizes it up as a potential "nightmare scenario" in terms of security: "Suddenly, we have a situation in which the IT department no longer is in complete control and may well have trouble imposing a locked-down computing environment. Now, if you're working in the financial or legal services industries, consider what happens when you couple the move to CoIT and external IT providers with growing incursions by hackers."