

Ford Quoted in *Computer World* Story Titled “Clinton's Shadow IT Would Not Have Passed Private Sector Muster”

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Jackie Ford, a partner in the Vorys Houston and Columbus offices and a member of the labor and employment group, was quoted in a *Computer World* story regarding Hillary Clinton's use of private email while serving as the Secretary of State.

The story states:

“Clinton's ability to routinely use a private email account for official business is not a practice that is sanctioned in the private sector.

‘It is the rare company that would endorse their employees using personal email accounts to conduct business,’ said Jackie Ford, an employment law and privacy attorney at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. ‘Most have policies specifically prohibiting that,’ she said.

These emails are records that may be subject to document retention requirements and subject to discovery in litigation, Ford said. Employees may believe they are being clever in circumventing email policies, but as Clinton illustrates, ‘most of the time this is going to backfire.’

Government policies recognize that sometimes business will be conducted through a personal email account, and when this happens a copy should be sent to an official account to preserve the record. But Clinton appears to have used a private account for most of her official business, and when asked by the State Department for her records, she provided some 55,000 pages.”

To read the entire story, visit the *Computer World* website.