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Vote, Not Post, May Alter Facebook Privacy

Responding to fears of a potential loss of privacy following Facebook's recent IPO, users are posting personal privacy notices to their statuses. Unfortunately for users concerned about their personal privacy rights, such posts have no legal enforceability, according to Dallas technology attorney **Peter S. Vogel** of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. "When users agree to Facebook's or other social media site's user agreement, they are agreeing to the companies' legal terms of use and privacy policies," he says. "Those terms supersede any individual notice." Users do have the ability to alter the company's proposed privacy policy through a largely unprecedented user vote. "If at least 30 percent of users vote for the new policy before 11 a.m. CDT on Friday, June 8, Facebook will accept that mandate," says Vogel. "If everyone who is posting the personal notices also votes, that level might be reached. However, the only other time a vote such as this was held, less than .004 percent of users bothered to cast a ballot."

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