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OVERVIEW

Jennifer Barron Bortmes is an e-DAT V lawyer in the e-discovery analysis and technology (e-DAT) group. Jennifer regularly assists clients with document collections (both electronic and hard copy) and manages the processing, review and production of data in response to discovery requests. She has extensive experience with conducting and managing privilege review of sensitive client files, as well as with creating and managing detailed privilege logs for large litigation matters. In addition, Jennifer regularly assists trial counsel with deposition and expert witness preparation issues, supervises review attorney teams for specialized document review tasks and provides support in responding to privilege log challenges.

Jennifer also drafts detailed record retention schedules for a clients across a variety of industries and advises them on litigation readiness, litigation holds, records management 'best practices' and other information governance issues.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm in 2011, Jennifer worked for several Pittsburgh law firms focusing on privilege review and privilege log preparation in products liability and intellectual property cases.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2004
- B.A., Allegheny College, 2001 *(cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania

AREAS OF FOCUS

- E-Discovery Analysis and Technology (e-DAT)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Serve as project lead for due diligence review in relation to a sale and purchase agreement for real property that has historical environmental contamination with ongoing liabilities.
- Represented a nonprofit regional hospital system in a North Carolina Business Court contract dispute, including being appointed by the court to supervise opposing counsel and their third-party vendor in remedying significant discovery issues, resulting in attorneys' fees and costs greater than US$85,000 being awarded on our behalf.
- Advise transportation infrastructure and general contracting organization regarding information governance and litigation readiness and prepare Discovery Readiness Plan.
- Advise outdoor recreation services corporation regarding information governance and prepare records retention schedule and records management policy.
- Advise Fortune 500 company specializing in paints, coatings, optical products, and specialty materials regarding information governance and prepare records retention schedule.
- Serve as project lead assisting medical diagnostic equipment company to coordinate response to a Civil Investigative Demand, responsible for all aspects of document collection, review, and production.
- Serve as project lead for litigation involving healthcare system client, responsible for all aspects of collections, review and production to defend accusations of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and related claims.
- Serve as project lead for internal investigation of financial transactions, responsible for all aspects of collections and review to assist with preparation of final report for client.