

# Julie Anne Halter

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## OVERVIEW

Julie Anne Halter is the managing partner of our Seattle office. Her practice includes complex commercial and business litigations, arbitrations and government and internal investigations, particularly as they relate to managing large, document-intensive cases, specifically those involving electronic discovery. For more than two decades, Julie Anne has counseled clients regarding complex electronic discovery in litigations, arbitrations and investigation matters involving intellectual property, trade secrets, securities, and banking, including SEC and FINRA investigation matters, antitrust, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, products liability, real estate, and employment litigation, as well as other government and internal investigations and public records act requests.

Julie Anne is a member of the e-Discovery Analysis and Technology (e-DAT) group, a dedicated, firmwide practice group that deploys advanced technology, including predictive analytics and other technology assisted review resources, and implements proven business processes to provide clients with efficient and cost-effective electronic discovery counseling and document review services.

Julie Anne also counsels clients in a variety of industries on information governance, records management, and litigation readiness issues, providing advice and assistance regarding information governance policies, practices and records retention schedules, employee training, and other recommendations to maintain legal compliance, lower record management costs, and reduce liability risks.

Julie Anne is a former member of a working group of The Sedona Conference, a leading e-discovery organization responsible for laying critical foundational work associated with the recently amended Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(e) regarding the preservation of electronically stored information. She is also a frequent author and speaker on discovery issues, including recent articles and podcasts regarding technology assisted review innovations.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Global* for E-Discovery & Information Governance, USA-Nationwide, 2026
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for E-Discovery & Information Governance, USA-Nationwide, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for E-discovery, 2024-2026

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation in Seattle, WA, 2023-2026

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Washington State Bar Association
- Make-A-Wish of Alaska and Washington, Member, Board of Trustees, 2012-2018
  - Board Chairperson, 2015-2016
  - Board Governance Committee Chairperson, 2013-2014

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Sunshine in Litigation Act 2.0," Fifth Annual Electronic Discovery Institute (EDI) Summer Meeting, Seattle, Washington, 21-22 June 2022
- "1812 Overtur(n)es: Quality Control in the Era of Remote Review Teams," ILTACON 2021 (International Legal Technology Association Conference), Las Vegas, Nevada, 26 August 2021
- "Trust But Verify: Ethically Leveraging Artificial Intelligence in the Legal Profession -- Keeping Ethical in a Technical World 2.0 CLE," WSBA, Seattle, Washington, 30 May 2019
- "e-Discovery 101 and Beyond," K&L Gates Seventh Annual "Under the Wire Seminar" CLE Seminar, 31 January 2019
- "Leveraging Machine Translation Technology for Multi-Lingual Arbitrations," a K&L Gates *Hub Talks* Podcast, 10 July 2018
- "AI: Evolution, Opportunities and Challenges," co-presented with David J. Lehman, and Carolyn M. Branthoover, General Counsel University Program, K&L Gates, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1 May 2018
- "E-Discovery; Tips, Tactics and Techniques," K&L Gates, Seattle, Washington, 18 January 2018
- "Discovering e-Discovery" (One day program) Co-Chair and Speaker, King County Bar Association and K&L Gates, 16 March 2017
- "Federal Rule Changes Affect e-Discovery – Are You Ready This Time?" K&L Gates Continuing Legal Education Program, Seattle, Washington, 1 December 2015
- "Global FCPA Compliance," a K&L Gates-sponsored luncheon and podcast featuring panelists from London, Seattle, Beijing and Shanghai regarding FCPA investigation protocols and procedures and how they differ across the globe, Seattle, Washington, 20 October 2015
- "Navigating Traps for the Unwary: and Increasingly Complex Ethical Issues in Discovery," 3rd Annual Under the Wire CLE, co-presented with Kathryn Taylor and Matthew Houston, Raleigh, North Carolina, 22 January 2015

- “Ethical Obligations and Considerations in e-Discovery,” co-sponsored by AmCham Shanghai & American Bar Association's Asia Pacific and China Committees, Shanghai, China, 11 November 2014
- "Fundamentals of Electronic Discovery and Records Management," sponsored by The Law Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 7 November 2014
- “Best Practices in Working with Consultants - Picking the Right Investigative Partners in China,” Anti-Corruption Compliance in China Conference sponsored by Law Seminars International, Seattle, Washington, 14 August 2014

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 1997 *magna cum laude, Managing Editor Seattle University Law Review 1996-1997*
- B.A., University of Washington, 1993 *cum laude*

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 20 May 2026, Litigation Minute: Preserving AI-Generated ESI in Anticipation of Litigation
- 17 March 2026, Generative AI data, attorney-client privilege, and the work-product doctrine, *Westlaw Today*
- 16 March 2026, Is AI-generated content discoverable? What companies need to know in 2026, *Westlaw Today*
- 23 February 2026, Litigation Minute: Generative AI Data, Attorney-Client Privilege, and the Work-Product Doctrine
- 12 February 2026, Litigation Minute: Is AI-Generated Content Discoverable? What Companies Need to Know in 2026
- 4 December 2025, Celebrating Decades of Innovation on eDiscovery Day 2025
- 7 December 2023, e-Discovery Exchange with Julie Anne Halter, Carolyn Austin, and Krysta Slavik
- 1 December 2022, e-Discovery Exchange with Ellen Blanchard

- 6 October 2022, Arbitration World: Virtual Collaboration Tools and Their e-Discovery Implications in Arbitration and Litigation
- August 2022, New Risks of the Evolving Workforce - Information Governance Issues
- February 2022, Tenth Annual "Under the Wire" CLE Webinar
- 15 April 2021, Litigation Minute: Drafting Considerations for Protective Orders
- 17 December 2015, Class Action Defendants Take Notice: New Rule 37(e) Reduces ESI Preservation Risks and Offers Options to Reasonably Manage Obligations
- September 2015, Arbitration World
- 28 August 2015, Washington Supreme Court Applies Public Records Act to Public Employees' Private Cell Phones
- 20 October 2014, Global FCPA Compliance

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "E-discovery: Planning for and Conducting E-discovery (WA)," *LexisNexis*, 27 February 2026
- "E-discovery: Planning for and Conducting E-discovery (WA)," *LexisNexis Practical Guidance*®, December 2022
- "The New e-Discovery Wild West: Slack, Teams, Zoom, and Other Collaboration Technologies," Electronic Discovery Institute, October 2022
- "Collaboration Conundrum: Casual Connectivity Can Create Legal Risks," *425 Business*, 12 December 2022
- E-discovery: Planning for and Conducting E-discovery (WA), Lexis Nexis, 27 August 2020.
- "Must-haves for your e-discovery toolkit," *Puget Sound Business Journal,* Law and Litigation Section, 10 December 2010
- "Building Your e-Discovery Toolkit," *DeNovo, Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Publication, Volume 24, Issue 5,* October 2010

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 4 June 2026, K&L Gates Receives Nearly 235 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2026 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 12 March 2026, K&L Gates Partner Theo Angelis Appointed to Washington State Supreme Court
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 4 September 2025, K&L Gates' Seattle Office Named a 2025 Washington Powerhouse by *Law360*

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 10 June 2021, K&L Gates to Launch Firm-, Client-Focused Speaker Series on Innovation
- 6 June 2019, K&L Gates Earns Practice and Lawyer Recognitions in 2019 *Legal 500 United States* Guide

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- 1 August 2026, *Seattle Business Times* | K&L Gates Managing Partner Julie Anne Halter on Seattle's changing legal landscape and the industries that help the region thrive
- 7 July 2026, *Law360* | New BigLaw Competition Is Changing The Seattle Market
- 27 February 2026, *Puget Sound Business Journal* | Seattle law firms embrace AI as operational necessity, but billable hour remains

## OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Pandemic Zoom, Teams Surge Offers Evidence Trove to Prosecutors," *Bloomberg Law*, 2 May 2023
- Quoted, "Steady Communication and 'Cheesy' Video Calls Are Crucial for Remote E-Discovery," iLegalTechNews.com, 27 August 2021

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- E-Discovery Analysis and Technology (e-DAT)
- Commercial Disputes
- Industrial Incidents
- International Arbitration

## INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences
- Technology

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Serve as primary coordinating e-discovery counsel, responsible for all aspects of preservation, collection review and production, in related criminal, state, and federal court civil proceedings arising from combustion and release events that occurred in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.
- Serve as lead e-discovery partner responsible for all aspects of e-discovery investigation support (including collection, processing, document analysis, and interview support) in a global FCPA investigation involving more than 16 different companies and more than 200 individuals.
- Represent local government entity as primary e-discovery counsel in environmental insurance coverage litigation involving in excess of 20 insurance carriers and spanning more than 75 years, seeking coverage for environmental liabilities and clean-up costs associated with a federal Superfund site.
- On behalf of a privately held manufacturing and distribution company, serve as e-discovery counsel responsible for all aspects of preservation, collection review and production, as well as ongoing litigation support in antitrust litigation.
- Serve as coordinating e-discovery counsel in an internal and government investigation of a global EPC contractor.
- Represent publicly traded, Fortune 500 worldwide supplier of technology-based railway products and services as e-discovery counsel in trade secret misappropriation litigation, responsible for all aspects of collection, review and production, as well as litigation support.