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Areas of Focus

Data Privacy and
Cybersecurity
Technology



Overview

Brent Kidwell is the firm’s Chief Information Security Officer. He manages the firm’s information security and governance program, working with clients and others to implement robust strategies and controls designed to protect client and firm data. In addition, Brent leverages years of experience as a commercial litigator to help clients proactively prepare for electronic discovery and reactively implement strategies and plans for collecting, processing, analyzing, and producing data in litigation. He has assisted clients in managing terabytes of data efficiently and cost effectively for some of the firm’s largest matters. Brent also advises clients on digital forensics, information and records management strategies, and data security, protection, and privacy issues. In addition to his work for clients, he is responsible for the firm’s data security and information technology risk management activities, as well as its knowledge management efforts.

In addition to his law degree, Brent has an MS degree in Computer Science from DePaul University. This graduate technical education provides him with unique skills to assist clients with issues involving technical and legal challenges.

Law Technology News named Brent the 2004 “Champion of Technology” for his work in applied technology. Prior to assuming his position as Chief Information Security Officer, he served clients in a broad array of civil litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level. He is a member of the firm’s Technology Practice.

Brent is the lead author of a consistently updated and comprehensive treatise on e-discovery titled *Electronic Discovery*, published by Law Journal Press. He is an Adjunct Professor at DePaul University College of Law, where

he teaches one of the country's first (and few) law school courses on electronic discovery. Brent is a nationally known speaker at conferences and other events on e-discovery, information and records management, data security, and information security and risk management issues. He has also given many presentations on topics related to knowledge management.

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Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1993

Education

- Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis, JD, *summa cum laude*, 1993
- DePaul University, MS, 2006
- Indiana University–Bloomington, BA, 1990

Clerkships

- Hon. John D. Tinder, US District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 1993-1994

Service / Recognition

Community

- DePaul University College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Electronic Discovery, Fall 2009