

NFPA 2025 Convention Speaker Bios

Edward J. Ajaeb, CLI, *Founder and President of Nighthawk Strategies*

Edward J. Ajaeb is the founder and president of Nighthawk Strategies. He is an experienced licensed private investigator, business owner, author, and national speaker specializing in legal investigations, background checks, social media investigations, and public records research. As a former U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Paralegal in Washington D.C., Ajaeb received an Award of Distinction from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States for his work on several major antitrust investigations and litigation matters. Ajaeb has been featured in Forbes, NBC, CBS, U.S. News & World Report, PI Magazine, Security Today, and other acclaimed media outlets, magazines, and podcasts. Ajaeb serves as the current President of the National Council of Investigation and Security Services (NCISS) and former Director of the Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP). He is a Life Member of the Society of Professional Investigators (SPI) and a member of the National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI), the World Association of Detectives (WAD), the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), ASIS International, and numerous other investigative, legal, and business organizations.

Melissa Albert, RP®

Melissa Albert, RP, has almost 30 years' experience as a litigation paralegal in both civil litigation and family law. She has a paralegal certificate from UCLA and in 2018 earned her RP® Certification. She has been a member of the Washington State Paralegal Association and is currently the Vice President of Professional Development and Chair of the Student Outreach and Mentorship Committee.

Pia Angelikis, JD, *VP of Government Relations and Legal Research, Cogency Global Inc.*

Pia Angelikis, Esq., is the VP of Government Relations and Legal Research at Cogency Global Inc. She has over 20 years of experience with premiere service companies in the UCC and corporate services industry, managing large teams of expert lawyers and paralegals conducting legal research for public filing requirements for multistate mergers, conversions and acquisitions, tracking and analyzing UCC Article 9 and business entity legislation in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and providing thought leadership.

Ms. Angelikis has in-depth knowledge of UCC Article 9 filing requirements and best practices for due diligence searching, as well as of service of process, and business entity laws related to public record filings for formations, foreign qualifications, mergers, conversions, reinstatements,

withdrawals, change of agent, and corporate compliance. She has domain expertise in maintaining annual report calendaring systems.

As a government relations liaison, Ms. Angelikis served as chair of the eFiling Committee of the Science & Technology section of the American Bar Association from 2005 – 2013. In the course of this work, she managed the drafting of Best Practices for Electronic Service of Process. Her current role as Director of Government Relations includes working closely with state administrators when they implement new and revised business entity laws and electronic filing systems.

Ms. Angelikis holds a JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is licensed to practice law in California.

Anne Bate, Paralegal, Barker Brettell

Anne Bate has worked as a patent paralegal and patent team manager at Barker Brettell for over 40 years, more than 30 of which have been spent working alongside John Lawrence. Anne manages Barker Brettell's team of patent paralegals, ensuring they are up to date with new laws and rules as and when they come into force, as well as encouraging the team to partake in training and development in using web-based filing systems such as ePCT and EPO Online Filing 2.0. Anne played an active role in setting up and promoting the Barker Brettell Euro-IP hub to US-based clients and firms.

Donald P, Bristol, RP®, Pa.C.P.

Donald P. Bristol, RP®, Pa.C.P. Don is an experienced Estates and Trusts Paralegal with 20 years' experience. He's highly skilled in all aspects of complex estate and trust administration, including preparation of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware probate related forms and associated tasks, formal accountings and other court-related filings, preparation of state and federal death tax returns and gift tax returns, and preparation and filing of federal and state fiduciary and individual income tax returns. Don is a long time and active member of the Chester County Paralegal Association, having served in the past in all Officer positions, and as CLE Coordinator, Website Coordinator, NFPA Primary Delegate. Don served as NFPA Region IV Director (2020-2024), and also served as NFPA Webinar Coordinator (2018-2020). He received his Certificate in Paralegal Studies from Villanova University. Don maintains the PACE Registered Paralegal® (RP®) and Pa.C.P. Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal (Pa.C.P.) credentials. He obtained a Piano Performance Bachelor's Degree and Piano Pedagogy Master's Degree from West Chester University. He also continues to teach piano in individual studio settings.

Kristen Comstock, J.D.

Kristen Comstock, J.D graduated from the Catholic University of America with highest honors in 2009. She was admitted to the Montana bar (her home state) and practiced for several years in criminal and family law. After taking a detour as a nonprofit administrator, Kristen returned to the field of law, opening her own paralegal business. She now works primarily in civil litigation, particularly involving government regulations and individual rights. Kristen is a proud aunt and dog mom and spends her free time in the woods.

Pamela Coyle Brecht, *Partner, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP*

Pamela Coyle Brecht is a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. Ms. Brecht serves as Chair of the firm's national Qui Tam/False Claims Act Practice Group. She is also experienced in white-collar criminal litigation, employment law, internal investigations, and complex health care litigation.

Ms. Brecht has litigated many of the most complex False Claims Act cases filed in the United States. Her cases have included alleged fraud by a large multi-state Medicaid managed care contractor, FCA violations by three of the largest hospital corporations in the country, and dissecting complex financial relationships among healthcare providers including Stark and Anti-Kickback issues. She has also litigated cases involving hospital fraud, emergency room fraud, medical device allegations, Medicare Part C and Part D fraud, government contractor fraud, laboratory fraud, as well as all types of pharmaceutical fraud. One of the whistleblower matters that Ms. Brecht has worked on was recognized in 2018 by The National Law Journal as one of the "Top 100 Verdicts." The matter, *Lutz v Health Diagnostics Laboratory*, ranked as #39 on the list of highest verdicts throughout the nation for that year and came in at #2 for the highest verdicts coming out of Pennsylvania. In addition, Ms. Brecht has served as an expert witness related to alleged conduct involving potential exposure to government enforcement actions.

Ms. Brecht received her Juris Doctorate from Temple University School of Law where she served on Temple Law Review. She also graduated on the Dean's List and received honors for Distinguished Class Performance. Prior to Temple University School of Law, Ms. Brecht graduated cum laude from Villanova University, where she was a competitive Rower on The Women's Crew Team. Ms. Brecht has also served as a Hearing Committee Member for the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Dear, *Sr. Legal Analyst/Sr. Paralegal, Nasdaq*

Elizabeth Dear is a Board Member of the South Jersey Paralegals Association (SJPA) where she currently serves as the National Federal Paralegal Association (NFPA) Secondary Representative in District IV, the Committee Chair for the Professional Development Committee, and a member

of the NFPA DEI Committee. She will return to the SJPA Board for the 2025-2026 term as the Recording Secretary, NFPA Primary Representative in District IV, and Chair for the Professional Development Committee.

Elizabeth is also a member of Philadelphia Association of Paralegals, the Philadelphia Bar Association, and the Philadelphia Bar Association's Paralegals and Other Legal Professionals Committee.

Presently, Elizabeth is a Senior Legal Analyst/Senior Paralegal for the Legal, Risk and Regulatory Group at Nasdaq in their Philadelphia office. She has many years of paralegal experience in multiple areas of law at a private, general practice law firm in Voorhees, New Jersey, and is dedicated to her professional development.

Elizabeth has a bachelor's degree along with a postgraduate ABA Accredited Paralegal Certificate from Rowan College South Jersey. Elizabeth is a New Jersey and Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal and Notary in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Robert Diotalevi, Esq. LLM, *Associate Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University*

For the past twenty-two (22) years Dr. Diotalevi has been an Associate Professor and Founding Program Coordinator of Legal Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. He has been a lawyer for forty (40) years as a member of the Massachusetts and Florida bars. He possesses four (4) degrees and has been internationally published. In 2009 Dr. Diotalevi had a book published. It is entitled, "The Florida Paralegal," with Attorney William Statsky and published by Cengage Learning. Dr. Diotalevi has developed ten (10) courses for JFK School of Law and has taught several courses for National University. Dr. Diotalevi was a professional broadcaster for eight (8) years and held managerial positions in radio news and production. Dr. Diotalevi's works have been published in SMU School of Law's Computer Law Review and Technology Journal, The Paralegal Educator, The Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice, and The Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration. He also serves as an editor several peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Diotalevi presents at national and regional law-related conferences as well as at various legal organizations around the country.

Carrie Duckworth, Attorney, *Barker Bretell*

Carrie Duckworth is a patent and design attorney with over 20 years' experience in the profession. She has a wealth of experience advising clients on robust IP protection and strategies for registered and unregistered rights. Her technical specialties include data analysis and processing, computer implemented inventions, software, pneumatic systems, consumer products, medical devices, energy production and harvesting systems. She heads the firm's [Computing &](#)

[Software](#) group, and is also an experienced designs rights and copyright expert and leads the [Designs](#) team.

Carrie handles design applications for a wide range of clients from individuals to large corporations and is often instructed by US attorney firms to file international (Hague) designs for their clients due to her wide-ranging expertise in the area. She's familiar with the formal and substantive requirements and legal quirks in numerous countries, and can advise on and implement effective filing strategies.

Jennifer Echikson, Pa.C.P., *Paralegal, Materese Family Law*

Jenn has been a paralegal working almost exclusively in family law for 20 years and has been with Materese Family Law since its inception. Jenn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Peirce College and holds a Pennsylvania paralegal certification from the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations.

Jenn currently serves on the Board of Montgomery County Paralegal Association and as MCPA's Secondary Delegate to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. Jenn is also a founding Board member and current President of the Family Law Paralegals of Pennsylvania. In addition, she is FLPP's primary delegate to the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations and holds the position of Secretary for that organization. Finally, Jenn is the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee of NFPA.

Jenn is also a member of various community organizations, including serving as an Area Leader for Free Mom Hugs of Pennsylvania, as a Board member on the LGBT Equality Alliance of Chester County, on the leadership team of PFLAG West Chester/Chester County, and as Secretary of Soroptimist International of Phoenixville.

Patrice Givens, *Legal Assistant, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP*

Patrice A. Givens is a Paralegal/Legal Assistant at Taft Law's Columbus office. Patrice has 15 years of experience as a Paralegal and 2 years of experience in the Court system as a Deputy Clerk. She uses her hard work either, cooperative and positive attitude and tenacity to work collaboratively with clients, attorneys, government officials and others to drive home and deliver successful events. She received her undergraduate degree from Wilmington College of Ohio (B.A. in Business Administration, Management) and Paralegal Studies degree from Miami-Jacobs Career College.

Angela M. Gonzalez, SBWCP

Angela M. Gonzalez, SBWCP, is a paralegal at Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., in Wausau, Wisconsin. She received her master's degree from Jagiellonian University in Kraków (Poland) and taught English to adults in Poland and Hungary. She determined a law degree would round out her higher education adventures and earned her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of London. While working as a paralegal in Budapest (Hungary), she developed a passion for research and drafting documents in a law firm setting, which led to her continuing her legal experiences when she returned to the United States in 2009. Her varied background earned her the ability to communicate easily with anyone on any topic. As a paralegal at Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., she's able to sit with a grieving client and empathize or celebrate with a client who has just survived a drawn-out probate process for a loved one. Prior to joining the firm, Angela was a civil litigation legal assistant and paralegal, as well as a corporate paralegal where she spent much of her time preparing work product in due diligence matters and multi-national business transactions. At Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., Angela specializes in trust and estate administration with an emphasis on federal and state estate tax matters and complex administrations. Angela is a State Bar of Wisconsin Certified Paralegal. She has also served as the National Affairs Representative for the Paralegal Association of Wisconsin, the Primary Delegate for Wisconsin with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations and the National Convention Coordinator for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. She presents to various paralegal and education groups on topics including probate administration, legal writing, and file organization. She has presented for the Institute of Paralegal Education, the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, the Wisconsin State Bar, and state paralegal groups.

Christopher W. Hiatt, CEDS

Christopher W. Hiatt is a Certified eDiscovery Specialist (CEDS 2023) and a certified Paralegal with over twenty years of litigation and eDiscovery experience encompassing both vendor and law firm environments including a Top 100 US Law Firm with offices around the globe. He is an ACEDS best practices advocate; regularly collaborating with attorneys, paralegals and colleagues to implement and deliver defensible eDiscovery solutions from identification/collection through document review/production and subsequently project management. My approach and experience focuses on quantifying the EDRM into its smallest parts (actionable tasks), assigning and delegating those tasks to individuals in clearly defined roles within the team thereby integrating all invested parties into the discovery process while regularly assessing Relativity workflows for accuracy and efficiency.

Erin Hill, JD, LL.M., MPM®, CIPM®, CFC™, CRP™, VP Strategic Projects and Professor, Jessup University

Erin Hill is a lifetime learner who has a passion for educating others in strategic and legal project management and cyber data retention. She works as the VP for Strategic Projects and tenured professor at Jessup University where she manages the Project Management Office (PMO) and strategic plan. Professor Hill has peer-reviewed over 50 articles for the International Journal of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (IJCSDF). She has published legal research with LexisNexis and created new laws in California. Erin believes in giving back with pro bono service and volunteer work by speaking at conferences and leading strategic planning sessions for nonprofit organization. She holds a B.B.A. in Finance & Management, a J.D., and an LL.M. in International Tax and Finance, and a Wealth Management Certificate. Erin also maintains active certifications for the following; Financial Crimes (Cyber Security), Compliance Analyst; Chartered Asset Manager, Master Financial Planner, Quality Manager, Project Manager, & Core Registered Paralegal.

Yvonne Johnson, Managing Partner, Barker Brettell

Yvonne Johnson is Managing Partner at Barker Brettell and is an experienced patent attorney within the field of chemistry and life sciences, having worked in the patent profession for over 25 years. She also has broad experience working within the healthcare and medical fields, including pharmaceutical formulations, and is adept at navigating excluded matter rules in Europe in the fields of therapeutic, surgical and diagnostic methods. She is recognized for providing pragmatic and commercially focused advice.

Yvonne's areas of expertise, in addition to Chemistry & Life Sciences are:

- Patent oppositions and Appeals
- Patent drafting and strategy
- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Patent validity and opinion work
- Unitary Patent

Ashley Kenny, Senior Associate, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

Ashley Kenny, is a senior associate at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. She is a member of our nationwide Qui Tam/False Claims Act Group and Government Enforcement, Compliance, and White Collar Litigation Group.

In her qui tam practice, Ms. Kenny is heavily involved in all aspects of whistleblower representation from the initial investigation to litigation. She also represents defendants in civil enforcement actions brought by government agencies. Ms. Kenny works on matters related to Stark Law.

Ms. Kenny earned her J.D. with an Intellectual Property concentration with honors from Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law as a merit-based scholarship recipient. Prior to law school, she attended Binghamton University where she earned her B.A. in English and History, with a minor in Classical Civilizations.

Jasmine Pui Lo, Paralegal, *Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Inc.*

Jasmine Pui Lo is a Lead Intellectual Property Paralegal leading a team of 4 paralegals at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She has been in the patent industry for over 7 years and have been in charge of working with the CPI team to enhance their AI auto docketing tool as well as using other AI software to make paralegal work more efficient.

Amy McGuigan, ACP, CEDS, CAS, *Senior Paralegal, Swanson & McNamara LLP*

Amy McGuigan, ACP, CEDS, CAS, is a senior paralegal at Swanson & McNamara LLP, a trial and appellate law firm specializing in high-stakes criminal, civil, and regulatory defense and internal investigations. Prior to joining Swanson & McNamara, she worked for the Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of California for 15 years where she assisted in several trials including four complex death penalty cases, one of which resulted in an acquittal. Amy is a certified eDiscovery Specialist holding multiple ACEDS eDiscovery Certifications, as well as certifications in CMFF Cellebrite Mobile Forensic Fundamentals, digital forensics, and has over 21 hours of digital forensic training in FTK. She is the past president of San Francisco Paralegal Association, Chair of the SF Bar Paralegal Section, and the Assistant Director of the SF Chapter of Women in eDiscovery. When she isn't working (or watching a true crime show), she enjoys spending time crafting and hanging out with her four dogs.

Wendy Otto, RP, *Senior Paralegal, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community*

Wendy Otto, RP® is the Senior Paralegal at the Office of Tribal Attorney for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. She specializes in complex litigation, tribal elections, and environmental protection and policy.

Kay Palacios, *Paralegal, Nixon Peabody LLP*

Kay Palacios works at Nixon Peabody LLP as a Paralegal supporting the Government Investigations & White Collar Defense Group. Kay brings over 14 years of comprehensive paralegal experience and comes to us from Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A., where they were a Litigation Paralegal. In this role, Kay drafted complaints, counterclaims, and other substantive

legal documents and pleadings. They worked with a variety of litigation cases, and interviewed clients and witnesses as well as prepared summaries of interviews and depositions. Prior to this role, Kay was an Intern at Nicholson Law Firm, PLLC and an Operations Manager, Senior Paralegal, Paralegal Manager, and Paralegal Specialist for the U.S. Army. Kay is currently earning their B.S. in Legal Studies from the American Military University and earned their A.S. in Paralegal Studies from New Hampshire Technical Institute.

Barbara Parkes, *Paralegal, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP*

Barbara Parkes is a paralegal at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP and is a member of the firm's Qui Tam/False Claims Act and Employment & Labor Practice Groups. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Parkes was a paralegal at several national law firms where she focused primarily on commercial litigation and healthcare litigation. She also gained experience in bankruptcy, collections, and guardianship law.

Ms. Parkes earned her associate degree with honors in Paralegal Studies from Manor College and received her Certified Paralegal certification from the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA).

Heather Gardner, *Founder & CEO Propel Paralegal Services, LLC*

Heather Gardner is a former bankruptcy paralegal with extensive experience supporting debtor-focused Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases. She founded Propel Paralegal Services, a virtual firm that helps attorneys nationwide streamline and grow their bankruptcy practices. Heather deeply understands case workflows, petition drafting, e-filing, and communication with clients, trustees, and courts.

Heather serves on the NFPA Ethics Board, the Tiered Legal Services Task Force Education Committee for Maryland, and the Maryland State Bar Association's Paralegal Task Force. She has also served on the Temporary Task Force for NALA's Bankruptcy Certification Exam. Heather is passionate about legal support and empowering legal professionals to work smarter and more efficiently.

Tom Plunkett, CISSP, EnCE, *Managing Director of Digital Forensics & eDiscovery, ArcherHall*

Thomas Plunkett is Managing Director of Digital Forensics & eDiscovery at ArcherHall. He is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and EnCase Certified Forensic Examiner (EnCE) with over 20 years of experience in digital forensics, cybersecurity, and counterintelligence. He holds a master's degree in Information Systems and is an adjunct

professor, teaching cybersecurity and digital forensics topics at the University of San Diego. Tom has led investigations involving data breaches, computer hacking, theft of intellectual property, and foreign intelligence operations. His clients have included all levels of government, law firms, casinos, medical device manufacturers, hospitals, technology companies and celebrities.

Brandon Rimnac, CEDS, *Director, Consulting Services at TransPerfect Legal Solutions*

Mr. Rimnac has over 15 years' experience in the Legal Technologies industry and has consulted law firms, corporations, and government agencies through extraordinarily complex cases. He has traveled internationally and appeared at industry tradeshows as a subject matter expert, and he regularly provides guidance for case teams on topics including forensic collection workflows, defensible artificial intelligence use, and production best practices.

Brandon has been a contributing member to award-winning Product Development teams and has worked to implement advanced analytics, predictive coding, and quality of life improvements for his clients. He has also created documentation, marketing and training videos, and websites for many of today's leading eDiscovery applications.

Born in Minnesota, when he isn't working with his clients, Brandon enjoys traveling to warmer climates with his wife, daughter (8), and son (4).

Dardie Robinson, *Paralegal, Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC*

Darbie Robinson has more than 30 years' experience as a paralegal with more than 22 years in transportation defense, responding to hundreds of serious incidents, coordinating the investigation and shepherding the case through resolution, including when no claim is presented, settlement or trial.

E. Haley Rohrbaugh, *Attorney, CGA Law Firm*

Haley Rohrbaugh is an attorney with CGA Law Firm with extensive years of legal experience in both Florida and Pennsylvania. She joined the [Bankruptcy Law Group](#) at CGA in 2010, where her primary focus is in Chapter 13, Chapter 11, and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, although she also assists clients in business formation and representation and estate law.

Haley attended Fairfield Area School District most of her life, but graduated from high school in Fort Myers, Florida. She is a graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. After moving back to Pennsylvania and while working as a full-time paralegal at CGA Law Firm, she completed her Juris Doctorate at Widener University Commonwealth Law School via their Evening Division Program.

In college, Haley spent extensive time traveling abroad on mission trips to Romania, Hungary, Australia and New Zealand. As a team leader for each trip, she and her team focused on restoring homes and playgrounds, which were weathered by time, graffiti and litter. They also worked with local orphanages and churches to help those in need. Haley's fundraising efforts enabled her to participate in these mission trips and eventually translated into a multi-year position on the York County Paralegal Association as Fundraising Chair.

Haley is a member of the York County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section. She also works closely with Mid Penn Legal Services and Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association to offer pro bono representation for low-income families. Haley was honored with a Pro Bono Recognition Award from the York County Bar Association for her work with pro bono clients in 2017 and 2022.

Matthew Samet, ESQ, PMP, *Senior Project Manager, TransPerfect Legal Solutions*

Matt began his legal career in New York in 2004, transitioning to a focus on e-discovery in 2007, while working as part of the Discovery Attorney Team at Willkie Farr and Gallagher. Upon moving to Minnesota in 2012, Matt began his legal technologies and services project manager career, where his ability to foster relationships with highly sophisticated clients and oversee projects at the program level led to his promotion to Portfolio Manager where he regularly set up account level SOPs and Best Practice Playbooks. Matt came to TransPerfect Legal in January 2022, with the perspective of someone who has worked on both the law firm and vendor side of the e-discovery industry - he can frame ideas and concepts in a way that is digestible by all audiences. Matt is an early adopter of new technologies and has been at the forefront of onboarding clients to new offerings TransPerfect releases, whether it be with homegrown technologies or partnering with our technology partners.

Sofia Sanchez Salcedo, *Paralegal, Lear Werts LLP*

Sofia Sanchez Salcedo is an experienced paralegal with a strong background in family law, civil rights, estate planning, personal injury, and multidistrict litigation. With over seven years of experience supporting attorneys and legal teams, Sofia excels in case preparation, legal research, and client communications. Her background in administrative and translation services has honed her keen attention to detail. As a dedicated advocate for professional growth, Sofia actively participates in educational workshops and mentors fellow legal professionals. She looks forward to sharing practical insights and actionable strategies with attendees at the NFPA 2025 Annual Convention.

Patrick Siewert, *Director of Digital Forensics & eDiscovery, ArcherHall*

Patrick Siewert is Director of Digital Forensics & eDiscovery for ArcherHall, based in Richmond, Virginia. Patrick has 15 years of law enforcement experience highlighted by high-profile and precedent-setting case work investigating electronically-facilitated crime. He founded Pro Digital Forensic Consulting in 2013, which was acquired by ArcherHall in 2022. Patrick has completed multiple trainings and certificates in the practice areas of computer forensics, mobile device forensics and analysis of cellular historical location records and is well-versed in their value in civil and criminal litigation. He has also qualified as an expert witness in the aforementioned disciplines in multiple courts across the country and is an adjunct professor of digital forensics at Virginia Commonwealth University. ArcherHall offers a full suite of digital forensic & eDiscovery services for the litigation community nationwide.

Jim Sullivan, *Attorney and Founder eDiscoveryAI.com*

Jim Sullivan is an accomplished attorney and a leading expert in legal technology. As the co-founder of eDiscovery AI, he is at the forefront of transforming how the legal industry leverages advanced artificial intelligence in document review. With two decades of experience, Jim has become a recognized authority on integrating AI into legal workflows, playing a key role in modernizing eDiscovery practices.

Throughout his career, Jim has consulted on thousands of predictive coding projects, utilizing AI to efficiently identify relevant documents in complex, large-scale legal matters. His expertise has made him a sought-after speaker at legal technology conferences, webinars, and meetings, where he advocates for the adoption of AI to improve productivity, accuracy, and defensibility in legal proceedings. Known for his forward-thinking approach, Jim encourages legal professionals to embrace AI as a means to future-proof their careers.

In addition to his practical contributions, Jim has co-authored *The Book on Predictive Coding: A Simple Guide to Understanding Predictive Coding in e-Discovery* and authored *The Book on AI Doc Review: A Simple Guide to Understanding the Use of AI in eDiscovery*, both of which serve as essential resources for understanding the impact of AI in legal practices.

Robyn A. Sweet, CRP, RP®, ACP

Robyn Sweet is the Compliance Manager for Heritage Family Credit Union. She has over 15 years of civil litigation. She obtained the CORE Registered Paralegal designation in October 2016 through NFPA. She also graduated from the Community College of Vermont with an associate degree in business in December 2019 after which she obtained her PACE Registered Paralegal designation through NFPA in October of 2020. She then graduated from Northern Vermont University in May 2021, and also obtained her Advanced Certified Paralegal designation in eDiscovery through NALA in October 2021. She has been a member of the Vermont Paralegal Association since 2013 and has served on the VPO Board in the capacity of Membership Chair and NFPA Secondary, as well as presently the NFPA Primary. She also served on the NFPA Board as Certification Auditor, Internal Marketing Coordinator, and Social Media Coordinator, and has previously served as NFPA's Internal Marketing Coordinator (2016-2019) and Advertising Coordinator (2018-2019). In her non-work life, she is a wife, mother to 6+ children (some by birth, marriage, adoption, and fostering), daughter, sister, and aunt. She enjoys reading, crafting, and journaling – although admittedly she does not spend enough time doing those activities.

Corrin Swintosky, *Paralegal and Owner of Lucid Legal Support LLC*

Corrin Swintosky, is a freelance criminal paralegal and owner of Lucid Legal Support. She provides specialized paralegal services to solo and small law firms on criminal defense, post-conviction, cannabis decriminalization, and forfeiture matters. She strives to efficiently manage caseloads to bring access to justice.

Lyndsey Wurst, CEDS, *Director of Strategic Accounts, TransPerfect Legal Solutions*

Lyndsey Wurst, CEDS, serves as the Director of Strategic Accounts at TransPerfect Legal and is a recognized leader in litigation support, eDiscovery, and Legal Operations. With more than 20 years of experience, she has built a reputation for driving innovation and efficiency in the legal industry. Lyndsey was honored as *Thomson Reuters' Synergy 2022 Legal Operations - Innovator of the Year*, a testament to her expertise in outside counsel management, legal budgeting, eDiscovery strategy, and optimizing litigation workflows. Her skill set extends beyond technical proficiency—she excels in time management, conflict resolution, change management, and budget forecasting, all while leveraging cutting-edge legal technologies to enhance collaboration and operational effectiveness. Having worked across plaintiff and defense practices, law firms of all sizes, and corporate law departments, Lyndsey offers a well-rounded and strategic perspective on the industry's evolving challenges. Her commitment to advancing legal operations makes her an invaluable voice in this space.