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Aaron Gardner is Vice President, Enterprise Solutions with KLDiscDiscovery. Aaron's experience in the litigation support, ediscovery and technology fields includes positions with some of America's most recognizable law firms, including Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, and most recently Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Aaron's career at Paul, Weiss spanned nearly a decade. Among other accomplishments during his time there he was the inaugural manager of the firm's Discovery Services group. As the Chief Operating Officer of Turnstone Solutions, an ediscovery services company, Aaron built a lean startup into a respected regional player serving Fortune 10 banking and AmLaw 100 law firms. In his current role, he focuses on helping law firms and corporations design and implement information governance programs in order to minimize cost and risk while maximizing value across their entire records management, regulatory compliance, ediscovery, and storage management portfolios. Among other responsibilities, Aaron leads KLDiscDiscovery's enterprise information archiving and legal hold archiving businesses, and heads KLDiscDiscovery's Microsoft Office 365 Security & Compliance and Advanced eDiscovery and Information Governance and GDPR practices. Aaron is an active public speaker on ediscovery, information governance, and the intersection between these disciplines and data privacy regulation.

Professional History

- KDiscovery 2014 - present
- Turnstone Solutions 2012 – 2014
- 2BT Consulting 2011 – 2012
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison LLP 2003 – 2011
- Schulte, Roth and Zabel 2002
- Davis, Polk, and Wardwell 1999

Education

- MA in International Development and Political Economy, Fordham University
- BA in English Literature, University of Connecticut

Publications and Presentations

- Gardner, Aaron, James Sherer, Derek I.A. Silverman, and Harry Valetk. “Leveraging IG Practices to Prepare for the GDPR.” LegalWeek NY. 31 Jan. 2018.
- Gardner, Aaron. “Choosing a System of Record.” Richmond AIIM/ARMA meeting. 9 Jan. 2017.
- Gardner, Aaron. “Choosing a System of Record.” VAGARA annual conference. 9 Nov. 2016.
- Campbell, Alexander, Michael Eck, Aaron Gardner, and Jason Lichter. “Information Governance in the Law Firm Today: Where are We, and Where are We Going?” International Legal Technology Association Event. 13 April 2016.
- Gardner, Aaron, Daniel Garrie, David Lawrence, and Timothy P. Murphy. “Getting Ahead of the Regulatory and Litigation Curves: How to Know Your Data.” RANE conference call. 9 Mar. 2016.
- Gardner, Aaron, Michael Eck, Greg Leighton, and Jay Yelton III. “Information Governance – How do you Eat an Elephant?” In3nious East Coast eDiscovery and IG Retreat panel. 9 Nov. 2015.
- Gardner, Aaron, Valerie Arriola, Linda Fischer, Tom Leo, Jeffrey Lewis, Richard Martinez. “Information Governance in the Law Firm Today.” International Legal Technology Association Event. 4 Nov. 2015.
- Gardner, Aaron, Ruth Hauswirth, Jay Carle, and Henry Moreno. “The Almost-Record: Risks and Opportunities.” Ing3nious Social Retreat panel. 3 Aug. 2015.
- Gardner, Aaron, Jimmy Huynh, and Thomas Reddy. “Minimize Risk & Cost Exposure Through Information Governance.”

International Legal Technology Association Webinar. 28 Jan. 2015.

- Gotler, Ross and Aaron Gardner. "Strategies for In-House Counsel: Building a Discovery Readiness Program." Unpublished conference paper, 2010.
- Boehning, H. Christopher and Daniel J. Toal. "N.Y. Bar Panel Tackles Preservation, Cooperation." New York Law Journal 3 Feb. 2011. (contributor credit)
- Boehning, H. Christopher and Daniel J. Toal. "Assessing Alternative Search Methodologies," New York Law Journal 22 Apr. 2008. (contributor credit)
- Gaida, Dean and Aaron Gardner. "Strategies for Responding to Regulator Requests for Forensic Collection and Production." The Computer Forensics Show. 7W New York, New York. 19 Apr. 2010.
- Gardner, Aaron. "Finding a Place for Forensics in E-Discovery: to Image or not to Image?" The Computer Forensics Show. Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C. 27 Apr. 2009.

Testimony

- Declaration entered in matter captioned In re CITIMORTGAGE, INC., and Related entities. Hired by counsel for Citimortgage, Phoebe S. Winder of K & L Gates LLP.
- Declaration entered in matter captioned ALLIED MECHANICAL WISCONSIN, DIVISION OF TOWER INDUSTRIES, INC., a California corporation, Claimant, v. AMERICAN CASTINGS LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, Respondent. Hired by counsel for American Castings, Martin E. Burke of Burr & Forman LLP.

Selected Professional Experience

- Manage operations for a division delivering world-class archiving and ancillary services. Customers include top global banks.
- Successfully ran and sold an ediscovery business. Customers included one of the largest banks in the world.
- Conducted a comprehensive assessment of a top global bank's electronic communications archiving system and related ediscovery processes.
- Managed the HSR 2nd request ediscovery process for a major satellite industry transactions and a major telecom industry transaction.

- Led multiple Litigation Support department re-organization engagements for AmLaw 200 firms.
- Headed a geographically dispersed team that successfully completed dozens of high-pressure document review projects for major banks and law firms for a nationally recognized staffing and litigation services company.
- Data analytics project and report for the United Nations, published in the biannual Global E-Government Survey.
- Designed and implemented workflow tracking and billing systems for law firms and corporations.