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James Zucker holds the position of E-Discovery Counsel & Director of Practice Technologies. Before law school, Mr. Zucker worked for nearly ten years as a mainframe IBM OS Assembler and Cobol computer programmer and systems analyst in IBM OS/MVS, CICS environments. Mr. Zucker also has more than seventeen years of litigation experience, including more than a decade of managing each phase of the electronic discovery process for cases filed in state and federal courts across the country. Mr. Zucker is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals and a Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS) through the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists.

From 2003 through 2013, Mr. Zucker managed electronic discovery in a series of cases on behalf of a large pharmaceutical company. In 2008, Mr. Zucker became an 'early adopter' of computer assisted review by deploying a language based, statistically driven review tool to classify more than half a million documents. He has managed discovery of structured data hosted in mainframe databases as well as the discovery of unstructured data, including word documents, excel spreadsheets, .pdf files, PowerPoint decks and email. Mr. Zucker also has managed discovery of electronic information sought from third party vendors. He has taken depositions concerning the preservation, collection, production and spoliation of electronic information and drafted affidavits of information technology professionals in support of motion practice concerning discovery disputes. He has represented clients in 'meet and confers' and court hearings concerning electronic discovery.

As in-house counsel, Mr. Zucker managed electronic discovery for a large health insurance company and was responsible for class action lawsuits arising from a data breach. In 2012, he contributed to the December 2012 Report of the E-Discovery Committee of the New York State Bar Association entitled "Best Practices in E-Discovery In New York State and Federal Courts;" and in 2009, he helped to draft the New York State Supreme Court, Nassau County Commercial Division's Electronic Discovery Guidelines.

Mr. Zucker has also appeared on numerous panels addressing a broad array of subjects in electronic discovery, including "How Big Data Impacts E-Discovery: Transforming A Big Challenge into a Killer Advantage," "Behind the Scenes in eDiscovery," "Current Topics in eDiscovery," "Playing by the (Pending New) Rules," "Cost –Containment Models for eDiscovery Management and Litigation Cost," "Metadata & Utilizing eDiscovery to Advantage the Client," "Cloud, SharePoint, and Social Media: Discovery on the Next Data Frontier," "Designing the Plan: Consulting & Problem Solving Techniques for eDiscovery Project Managers" and "Data Collection – An In-Depth Look into Forensic Data Collection & Self Collection."

Before joining Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mr. Zucker was a litigation associate at a multinational law firm, where he worked on a variety of litigation matters, including pharmaceutical pricing, intellectual property, antitrust and trademark disputes in state and federal courts.

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Before attending law school, Mr. Zucker worked as a systems analyst and programmer, and earned a Certificate in Computer Programming from New York University.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1997)
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1978)

Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- New York
- Connecticut

Publications

- Co-author, "[A Question of Privilege: Court Wrestles With Attorney-Client and Work Product Issues in Data Breach Case](#)," *New York Law Journal* (December 2017)
- Contributor, "*Commentary on Rule 34 and Rule 45 'Possession, Custody, or Control,'* A Project of The Sedona Conference Working Group on Electronic Document Retention & Production (WG1)," *The Sedona Conference* (April 2015)