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Janette Smith is a skilled attorney with a strong background in technology law, public sector representation, and complex contract negotiations. She has substantial experience advising clients on regulatory compliance, artificial intelligence governance, data privacy, and cybersecurity.

Janette has served as general counsel for various government entities and has advised municipalities, school boards, and regulatory agencies on technology procurement, legislative compliance, and risk management. She has successfully structured and negotiated technology contracts to remain compliant with evolving regulations while optimizing efficiency for public and private sector clients.

Janette has also served as a city attorney and held senior legal roles at multiple county and municipal agencies, where she provided guidance on public records, cybersecurity policies, and legislative affairs. Her unique practice makes her a trusted advisor in navigating the intersection of law and emerging technologies.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Governmental Affairs and Procurement
- Municipal Counsel
- Corporate Affairs and Governance
- Business Organizations, Acquisitions and Conveyances
- Governmental Actions and Defense
- Complex Commercial
- Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association Business Law Section, Cyber and Technology Law Committee, Co-Chair, Cyber Insurance Subcommittee, 2026-present
- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Director, Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic (Adjunct Professor), 2026-present
- Florida Bar, 2006-present
  - Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Committee, 2026-present
  - City, County Local Government, Chair, 2022-2023; Executive Council, 2008-present
  - Commission on Technology, 2017-2019
  - Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy, 2017-2019
- Broward County Bar Association, 2007-present
  - Technology Committee, 2017-2020
  - Legislative Committee, 2016-2018
- Broward County Board of County Commissioners, 2010-2012
  - Resource Recovery Board, 2010-2012
  - Consolidated Communications Committee (4-C), 2011-2012
  - Public Safety 911 Center Task Force, 2010-2011
- Broward League of Cities, 2007-present
  - Fiscal Stewardship Committee, 2011-2012
- Broward County Municipal Clerks Association (BCCMA), 2007-2012
  - Nomination Committee, 2011
  - By-Laws Committee, 2009-2011
  - Scholarship Committee, 2009
- Florida Association of County Attorneys (FACA), 2015-present
- Florida School Board Attorneys Association (FSBAA), 2016-2018
- Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMAA), 2007-present
- Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC), 2013-2015
  - Technology Subcommittee, 2013-2015
  - Legal Subcommittee, 2013-2015
  - Public Records and Court Records Best Practices Committee, Chair, 2014-2015
  - Evidence Best Practices Committee, Co-Chair, 2014-2015
- Florida League of Cities (FLC), 2007-2015
- Florida City and County Managers Association (FCCMA)
- Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association (FPAA), 2012-2013
- International City County Managers Association (ICMA), 2007-2014
  - Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee, 2011-2014

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2006

EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University, J.D., 2005
- Nova Southeastern University, M.B.A., 1999
- Nova Southeastern University, B.S., 1998

- Lee County Bar Association, 2012-2017
  - Membership Committee Chair, 2013-2016
- Town of Davie, Florida, 2010-2012
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Vice-Chair, 2010-2012
  - Police Athletic League Advisory Board, 2011-2012
  - Urban Farming Initiative Task Force, Chair, 2010

AWARDS

- City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, The H. Hamilton "Chip" Rice, Jr. Award, 2024

PRESENTATIONS

- *Setting the Rules for AI: An Attorney's Guide to Drafting GenAI Policies for Local Governments*, International Municipal Lawyers Association, 2026 Annual Conference, September 25, 2026
- *Technology Governance for Local Governments: AI, Cybersecurity, and Managing Risk*, International Municipal Lawyers Association, 2026 Annual Conference, September 24, 2026
- *AI in City Hall: What Local Leaders Need to Know*, Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 13, 2026
- *XPLORING the ABYSS:The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of AI for Clerks*, CiviTek Solutions Tech Summit, May 1, 2026
- *AI in Government – Growing Pains and Governance*, City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, Webinar, April 24, 2026
- *AI, Technology and GIS Update in Land Use – "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"*, City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, April 23, 2026
- *Privacy Enforcement Trends from the State Attorneys General*, ABA Business Law Spring Meeting (Atlanta), April 18, 2026
- *AI at the Intersection of Transactional and Litigation Counsel*, Florida Law Con, April 10, 2026
- *Prompting with Precision: AI Prompt Engineering for Local Government Lawyers*, City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, March 25, 2026
- *AI in the Legal Practice: A Primer for Paralegals*, Broward College Paralegal Webinar, March 18, 2026
- *Integrating AI in Local Government*, ABA Cyber & Technology Law Annual Institute (Los Angeles, CA), January 31, 2026
- *The Year of Cyber Law in Review in AI and Robotics*, ABA Cyber & Technology Law Annual Institute (Los Angeles, CA), January 30, 2026
- *Integrating AI and Emerging Technology Open Forum (Q&A)*, NSU School of Law- NSU-NSLT Advanced Legal Technology

Training Program, January 23, 2026
- *Using AI in Legal Practice and Legal Education*, NSU School of Law- NSU-NSLT Advanced Legal Technology Training Program, January 23, 2026
- *AI Panel*, Miami Dade County League of Cities, December 10, 2025
- *Navigating AI Policy in K-12 Education Panel*, Florida School Boards Association, December 4, 2025
- *AI in Action: AI Tools Demonstration for Solo and Small Firm Lawyers in Florida*, Florida Bar Association, Solo and Small Law Firm Section, November 20, 2025
- *Lunch & Learn: Incorporating AI and Agents into Small Business*, NSU School of Law - 2025 Berger Entrepreneur Bootcamp, November 13, 2025
- *Legal Technology, Innovation Leadership and A.I.*, Florida International University College of Law, October 17, 2025
- *AI in K-12 Education,* Florida School Board Attorneys Association, August 29, 2025
- *The Good, Bad, and Ugly of AI,* City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, Webinar, August 21, 2025
- *Our Kids are Online – What Lawyers (And Parent) Should Know,* Florida Bar Association 25th Annual Convention President's Showcase, June 26, 2025
- *Navigating AI Policy in K-12 Education: Essential Questions for School Board Members*, Florida School Boards Association, May 14, 2025
- *Challenges and Opportunities of AI in Education,* Florida School Boards Association, May 9, 2025
- *Artificial Intelligence*, Florida Bar Association, City, County and Local Government Law (CCLGL) Section, 48th Annual Conference, April 18, 2025
- *Navigating the Intersection of Florida Public Records Law, Privacy, Ethics, and Social Media*, Florida Bar Association, March 2023
- *Current Issues: Trials and Tribulations*, Florida Bar Association, April 2023
- *Practicing Better with the Technologies of Today and Beyond*, The Florida Bar Podcast, June 27, 2019
- *Law Practice Management and Technology for Today and Beyond*, Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 26, 2019

PRESS MENTIONS

- *Florida Bar Enters Novel Partnership With Legal AI Platform*, Law.com, June 25, 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- *Dissertation Publication: Information Governance: A Study of*

Technological Advancements and its Effect on Open Government and Public Records in Florida, Florida State University (FSU)