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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.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY

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](#)

INVOLVEMENT

- Florida Bar, 2006-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
- 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

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2006

EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University, J.D., 2005

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Nova Southeastern University, M.B.A., 1999

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Nova Southeastern University, B.S., 1998

AWARDS

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

PRESENTATIONS

- *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
- *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 AI Policy in K-12 Education: Essential Questions for School Board Members*, Florida School Boards Association, May 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

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)