Holly B. Benton, J.D. – Associate Director, Privacy Risk

Holly Benton, J.D., CHPC, is the Associate Director of Privacy Risk, reporting to the IT Risk Officer, in the Office of Audit, Risk & Compliance (OARC) at Duke University. Responsible for strategic data governance and assessing enterprise privacy risk, Holly targets high-risk areas impacting Duke’s mission, collaborates with and provides guidance to Duke stakeholders on information asset management initiatives, advises the OARC privacy operations team in their work supporting Duke’s privacy compliance responsibilities, leads privacy awareness efforts institution-wide, and serves as a subject matter resource for the extended university community.

Holly takes a collaborative, risk-based approach to information asset management and privacy compliance. A strong proponent of the Fair Information Practices Principles and Privacy by Design, she works to promote their awareness and integration and strives to make privacy and information asset management best practices accessible and is a frequent presenter on privacy in the higher education space.

Prior to her current role, she held privacy roles at OARC and reported to the University Compliance Officer. Under her leadership, Duke Privacy evolved from an exclusively HIPAA program into an enterprise privacy program with a comprehensive scope. She played a key role facilitating compliance with federal, state and global privacy regulations and mitigating privacy compliance and related risks to the institution, as well as providing assurance to Duke leadership on matters related to the management and safeguarding of sensitive information assets.

She joined Duke in August of 2015, after serving in similar roles at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There she was instrumental in developing the institutional privacy program, facilitating comprehensive federal and state privacy compliance, and mitigating risk to the institution.

Prior to her work in the privacy field, Holly was a commercial litigator and employment lawyer in Seattle, Washington. A graduate of Wellesley College, she pursued advanced degrees in sociology and women’s studies at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, before shifting gears and getting her law degree from the University of Washington.

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