Holly B. Benton, J.D. – Director of Privacy Compliance

Holly Benton, J.D., joined OARC in August 2015 as the director of privacy compliance. She and her team are responsible for ensuring compliance with federal and state privacy regulations, promoting privacy and security best practices and enhancing privacy awareness institution-wide.

Benton comes to Duke after serving as the interim chief privacy officer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was instrumental in developing the institutional privacy program; establishing and leveraging campus partnerships to ensure comprehensive federal and state privacy compliance; implementing privacy and security outreach initiatives to mitigate risk exposure across the institution; and bringing attention to the need both for a comprehensive institutional approach to privacy and intentional stewardship of institutional information assets.

Benton takes a systematic approach to privacy compliance and champions the comprehensive integration of the principles of Privacy by Design in higher education.

Prior to her work in privacy, Benton practiced law in Seattle, focusing her practice on complex commercial litigation and employment law. A graduate of Wellesley College, she completed graduate studies in sociology at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and received her law degree from the University of Washington.

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