



# Cynthia Schmidt

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## About

Cynthia Schmidt, a Partner and Deputy Director of the Discovery Counsel Practice Group, is based in Dallas, Texas.

Amidst a changing technological and legal milieu, Cynthia advises clients on crafting successful, cost-effective eDiscovery strategies in complex commercial litigation and beyond. She constructs and leads right-sized teams of exceptional human capital in deploying battle-proven technology to achieve optimal outcomes. Cynthia's background as an oral advocate and writer make her uniquely equipped to play strategic eDiscovery advocate within the largest and most complex litigation.

As the Deputy Director of the Discovery Counsel Practice Group, Cynthia directs the group's extraordinary growth and unparalleled commitment to excellence in eDiscovery. Her enthusiasm for eDiscovery solutions is matched only by her passion for nourishing the careers of fellow eDiscovery attorneys who are capable of meeting the complex needs of clients.

Cynthia obtained her B.A. in political science and theology from The University of Notre Dame, where she was elected president of her class and vice president of the student body. After graduating, Cynthia attended Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, during which she interned for the Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr. of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and was the Case Note and Comment Editor of the Law Review. Cynthia graduated Order of the Coif and Magna Cum Laude, then went on to clerk for Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas, where she managed half of the court's civil and criminal dockets and assisted Judge Lynn in her sitting on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. After completing a fellowship at First Liberty Institute, where she focused on religious liberty litigation, Cynthia joined the Dallas office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, where she was an active member of the firm's class actions and commercial litigation practice groups. Cynthia has successfully defended clients in cases involving consumer protection statutes, product liability, and data privacy laws. She has extensive experience briefing disputes at all levels of the federal court system.

Cynthia is an active member of the local community in Dallas, where she lives with her husband Grant Schmidt, the managing partner of the Dallas office of Hilgers, and their five small children.

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## Education

Southern Methodist University  
Dedman School of Law, J.D.,  
Order of the Coif and Magna  
Cum Laude

University of Notre Dame, B.A.  
in Theology and Political  
Science

## Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## Experience

- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
(Dallas, Texas)

## Awards

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