



SENIOR ADVANCED RECORDS STAFF ATTORNEY

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Josh Gilliland is a Senior Advanced Records Staff Attorney with Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Advanced Records Center (ARC). He uses his legal experience, significant understanding of eDiscovery and evolving federal and state regulations to assist California government agencies respond to California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests.

Josh gained significant experience as an associate with a San Ramon law firm, where he managed litigation matters for clients ranging from large insurance companies to single-family homeowners. This included drafting complaints, answers, discovery requests, responses for discovery, and motions for summary judgment. Josh also prepared eDiscovery to meet and confer checklists, managed a review team for multi million-dollar insurance coverage disputes, and has overseen forensic collection expert's preservation of electronically stored information (ESI) in numerous cases.

Josh has authored articles and other marketing content on eDiscovery and related topics, including generative AI, predictive coding, and the admissibility of electronic evidence. In addition, he organized eDiscovery webinars with federal and California judges, attorney and other legal professionals. He is also the co-creator of The Legal Geeks blog and podcast, which was recognized by the American Bar Journal as one of the top 100 blogs for lawyers from 2013 to 2018 and was nominated for Best Podcast for the 2015 Geekie Awards.

Josh grew up in Silicon Valley and is a lifelong fan of science fiction, from Star Trek to Star Wars, Universal Monsters, Kaiju, and comics. He enjoys organizing panels and mock trials at comic conventions, photography, and volunteering in Scouting.

Accolades

- Scouting America, District Award of Merit, 2000
- Scouting America, Silver Antelope, 2019
- Scouting America, National Sea Scout Leadership Award, 2017
- Scouting America, Silver Beaver, 2012

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

ARC: Advanced Records Center

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Davis, B.A., political science

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

- Boy Scouts of America, Quartermaster Award, Sea Scouts, 1994

Professional & Community Involvement

- Sea Scout Ship 47, Skipper
- Boy Scouts of America, National Sea Scout Committee, Sea Scouts, Task Force Leader
- Pacific Skyline Council, Executive Board Member
- Coyote Point Yacht Club, Board Member
- St. Mark's Luthern Church, Council Member
- Mt. Cross Ministries, Executive Board Member

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "eDiscovery, Pop Culture, and the Practice of Law," Facts and Findings, May 2024
- "Using Video Deposition Testimony for Opening Statements & Closing Arguments," Ipro Tech, Oct. 22, 2019
- "Don't Stop Believin': The Staying Power of Search Term Optimization," Prism Litigation Technology, 2019
- "Top 10 Best Movies Featuring Litigators," *Litigation World*, Oct. 30, 2018
- "Understanding The Duty to Preserve Electronically Stored Information," Onna, May 2018
- "Admissibility of Social Media Evidence," *Litigation Journal*, American Bar Association, vol. 39, no. 1, 2013
- "Reviewing with Purpose: Effective Strategies for Next Era Discovery Review," Iconnect, 2012
- "e-Admissibility: The Next Step Beyond e-Discovery," CT Summation, Aug. 2007

Presentations

- "Preparing for Depositions: From Outlines to Exhibits," Reveal, April 30, 2026
- "Connecting the Dots with Written Discovery," Reveal, Feb. 18, 2026
- "Jurassic Park: Liability for Dinosaur Attacks Never Goes Extinct," San Diego Comic Con, July 24, 2025
- "Preserving Evidence – The Intent to Deprive," ClaimsXChange, Nashville, Tennessee, April 30, 2025
- "Trial Admissibility," Santa Clara County Bar Association Civil Practice Committee, April 24, 2025
- "Yar, The Pirates of Star Wars," WonderCon, March 28, 2025
- "Lawyerbots, Rollout! Law from the 1984 Transformers Cartoon and Comic," San Diego Comic Con, July 25, 2024
- "Law of The Acolyte," San Diego Comic Con, July 26, 2024
- "Opening Strong at Trial," Santa Clara County Bar Association, Civil Practice Committee, Oct. 29, 2024