



## Phil Rightler

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### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Chief Information Officer (1990-Present)
- Chrysler Corporation Management Information Systems Supervisor, Distributed Systems (1987-1990)
- Chrysler Corporation Finance Office, Engineering Office Supervisor End User System Development (1976-87)
- Burroughs Corporation Business Management Systems Senior Systems Analyst (1974-76)

### EDUCATION

- Wayne State University, BS, 1972, MS, 1974

### AFFILIATIONS

- International Legal Technology Association, Member

### PRESENTATIONS

- International Legal Technology Association Annual Conference
- Missouri Bar Annual Conference
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal Tech Conference

Phil is a veteran IT strategist who has served as Thompson Coburn's Chief Information Officer since joining the firm in 1990.

He leads a large department of nationally recognized technology professionals who ensure information security, pioneer innovative programs and applications, and partner with our clients to use technology to their best advantage, whether executing favorable deals or winning in litigation matters.

Phil started his career as a systems analyst and software developer for a computer manufacturer and then for a Big Three automobile manufacturer. He led the MIS team working directly on emerging personal computer network technologies and supported the IT needs of the company's in-house legal department, learning first-hand what clients need from their outside counsel: cost-effective legal services, responsive communications systems, sophisticated case document management and retrieval systems, and attorneys and professional staff with the technical competence to effectively use best-in-class technologies. In his three decades with Thompson Coburn, Phil has built an IT department that responds to those needs, regularly pursues new platforms, and develops proprietary software applications, making it one of the country's most technologically advanced law firms.

### Highlights of Thompson Coburn's IT capabilities:

Internal software development team that develops on-point custom applications for our firm where commercial alternatives are not available or do not meet firm or client requirements.

Client technology services team that provides consulting and direct services for collection, discovery, forensics and other analysis, production, presentation and trial support.

Creative services team that creates cost-effective graphics, photos, video and multimedia electronic information to support legal practice areas.