

Stephanie Maw Booher Bio

Stephanie Maw Booher began her career in state government and public policy in 1988, where she interned for the Minnesota State Senate and lobbying firm, Capitol Hill Associates, then gratefully accepting a full-time position with the Minnesota State Senate Public Information Office. After moving to the private sector in 1994, Ms. Booher dedicated her career to learning information management from a legal perspective, building and developing information and data management programs utilizing innovative technologies to address complex litigation and other regulatory problem statements within the business. In particular, she focused on helping law firms and corporations bridge the information governance, e-discovery, big data governance, and consumer privacy governance problem statements, many of which included legacy organizational and technology debt, and many of which had been either ignored or tried and failed, due to the level of effort and complexity involved with these initiatives. In most cases, they revealed an unsolved disconnect and operational conflict between the business and legal or cyber-security regulatory compliance gaps, often existing between inside counsel, outside counsel, third party experts, third party technology partners, and in-house information technology and information security groups. Ms. Booher greatly enjoyed her niche role serving as a translator across these disciplines, and, after wearing multiple professional services hats within outside counsel and corporate legal departments, information technology and security departments, later acted as an embedded change agent new program consultant, expert advisor and director, where she led new program development and successful transformation of former non-compliant lines of business in a comprehensive, cost-effective and sustainable manner.

Education

Ms. Booher received her B.A. in Political Science and Finance/Management from Hamline University, cum laude, and, in her second effort, her M.P.P./J.D. from then Hamline University School of Law. Booher is a former member of ARMA International, where she received her Information Governance Professional (IGP) Certification in March 2017. She is a former member of ILTA, LTPI, The Sedona Conference, EDRM, ATLA, and Client Advisory Board Member of Merrill Corporation and Kroll Ontrack. Booher also holds multiple additional technical certifications in distributed processing systems, SQL relational database systems and two proprietary TAR/CAL artificial intelligence data science certifications.

Forge Initiative

In 2023, Ms. Booher turned her attention to yet another unsolved problem statement: that of creating a sustainable vehicle to publicly share her husband, Kevin Booher's vast collection of existing and continuous new artworks, in a meaningful and collaborative way within their local Covington and Cincinnati community, as well as with larger national audiences by employing the magic connectivity of the Internet in some manner. She quickly realized (as was the case in her prior professional life) she needed to invest 100% of her mental and physical resources into this venture, and therefore stepped away from her former professional career to begin to educate herself in the world of visual fine arts business administration, and, hopefully, over time, develop a modicum of gallery director skills and insights. Ms. Booher set to work in earnest in February 2024, with a mission to build and launch a virtual gallery website in the summer of 2025, to be followed by studio workshop services, a physical gallery and salon to open in 2026. **This is the world of Kevin Booher and his artmaking, and this is the place which is Forge...**