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Jo is an experienced regulatory affairs advisor, federal agency/life sciences attorney, and educator, proficient in matters of domestic (FDA) and international regulatory affairs for software, medical device, biologics, pharmaceutical, and cellular immunotherapy (CAR-T cell/immuno-oncology) regulatory submissions, communications, and negotiations.

She acquired experience in both academia and industry at the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago, and Abbott Laboratories, before earning her Juris Doctor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

As an active attorney licensed in the state of Colorado and admitted to the Colorado state courts, the U.S. District Court of Colorado, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Jo has advised a variety of clients on business formation and corporate governance matters; institutional, commercial, and government contract formation, negotiation, performance, and dispute resolution; intellectual property protections; risk mitigation programs; and business operations optimization. She also served as a Legislative Fellow, as well as an attorney-mentor to law school externs, at the Colorado General Assembly for four (4) years.

Although she attained recognition as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association and as a Premier 100 Trial Attorney by the American Academy of Trial Attorneys, she gladly returned to academia and private practice, with many legal lessons learned for the benefit of those she continues to serve.

Jo has authored more than eight (8) Class II medical device 510(k) applications, co-authored a Medical Abstract, "A New IMx Automated Microparticle Enzyme Immunoassay for the Quantitative Measurement of CA 15-3 Assay Values in Human Serum and Plasma" and was named as a co-inventor on a U.S. Patent "Production of Polyclonal Antibodies to Cholesterol and Their Potential Uses".

She received her Life Sciences Compliance Certification from the Seton Hall University School of Law and is a contributing author to the Regulatory Affairs Professionals (RAPS) *U.S. Regulatory Affairs Writing* manual, its *Fundamentals of International Regulatory Affairs* manual, and its *Fundamentals of U.S. Regulatory Affairs* manual.

Jo currently serves in the Office of Regulatory Compliance at the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, as a Research Services Program Director, and teaches the Regulatory Environment of Life Science Innovation and Building Biotechnology courses for the Business School and the Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology (BSBT) graduate programs; she also serves as a Board Member for the BESST (Broadening Experiences in Scientific and Scholarly Training) Program.

She also remains committed to bridging science, business, and law in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries as a Regulatory Affairs Consultant and Legal Advisor.

In whatever capacity she serves, Jo has dedicated her career to assisting organizations of all sizes, with a special penchant for working with entrepreneurs, innovators, and disruptors in the healthcare space, with navigating complex regulatory requirements and establishing compliant operations. She prides herself on anticipating and evaluating business risks, public policy, and governmental influences so as to positively impact business operations and protect companies.

Jo dedicates much of her time empowering others through information exchanges and educational outreach, and enjoys leading others towards establishing and nurturing government, academia, and industry collaborations; she welcomes additional opportunities to contribute to the biotechnology community here in Colorado!