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Jessica Barth has served as Eskenazi Health's vice president of legal affairs since 2006 and chief counsel since 2004. Eskenazi Health is one of America's largest safety net health systems, with a 315-bed hospital and outpatient facilities that provide care to nearly 1 million outpatient visitors each year. Barth leads Eskenazi Health's Legal Services department and oversees Risk Management, Compliance, and Medical Staff Affairs as well as the Office of Patient Experience.

In 2007 Barth worked with community partners to establish the first medical-legal partnership in the State of Indiana, and in 2010 she helped establish a patient-focused program providing wrap-around guardianship services to incapacitated, unbefriended patients.

Barth earned a bachelor's degree in English and French from Indiana University-Bloomington and a master's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan. She received her JD from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, graduating first in her class and serving as Articles Editor for the Indiana Law Journal. After clerking for Judge Bruce Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Barth joined Fagre Baker Daniels, where she practiced in the litigation group. In 2008 she designed and taught a course in health law at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, and the Indianapolis Bar Association. She currently serves on the boards of Arts for Learning and the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, as well as on the Indiana Hospital Association's Council on Hospital Governance. Barth is a 2013 graduate of America's Essential Hospitals' Government Relations Academy.

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