

Author's Introduction to the Fall 2026 Edition

Consider the Annual Performance Review. This year's focus is "timeliness of output." Your review is scheduled for tomorrow. I know you'd rather not dwell on it, what with all the other matters you are handling, such as, those pesky attorney-corporate client privilege questions you've been avoiding. Well, you better get to those questions now. Your performance review is bound to inquire about them and there will be no room for excuses.

Question One: Can a former employee be deposed *ex parte* by an opposing corporate counsel? You think that will take time to answer and go on to the second question: How many weeks can pass before demanding a return of inadvertently disclosed privileged documents in order to avoid a waiver under Rule 502(b)? That doesn't seem much easier than the first question. So, you try another one: Does a corporation's privileged communications also belong to its board of directors? You have no better luck here. So, what will you say when asked about these questions during tomorrow's performance review?

Look in my face: my name is Might-have-been;
I am also called: No-more, Too-late, Farewell;¹

Wait! There is no need to say that. And, don't despair. You have ample time to analyze these questions before tomorrow, if you consult Attorney-Corporate Client Privilege.

For well over 30 years, *Attorney-Corporate Client Privilege* has provided guidance for the complex, ever-changing issues that arise in the attorney-corporate client privilege and the work product doctrine. By using *Attorney-Corporate Client Privilege* you can promptly tackle any such questions that come your way. Then, during your performance review, you can declare:

"Look at my face: my name is Right-on-time."

¹ Dante Gabriel Rossetti, "The Nevermore" in *Library of World Poetry* at 613 (Chatham River Press, 1984).

What's New in the Fall 2026 Edition?

The Fall 2026 Edition of *Attorney-Corporate Client Privilege* contains the latest analyses and recent developments, while continuing its broad-based coverage of the attorney-corporate client privilege and the work product doctrine, including these items of note:

- How does use of artificial intelligence affect a privilege claim? See §§ 3:14, 3:45, 3:65, 5:20.
- Will unauthorized access to a cell phone that contains privileged materials cause a waiver? See § 5:46.
- What effect does use of artificial intelligence have in an assertion of work product? See §§ 7:22, 7:67.
- Does a former corporate general counsel have the power to waive the corporation's privilege? See § 2:36.

I am sure that the Fall 2026 Edition of *Attorney-Corporate Client Privilege* will be a beneficial addition to your professional library.

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