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Tara Adams Ragone is an Assistant Professor in Seton Hall Law's Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, where her research and writing focus on implementation of health care reform, integration of behavioral and physical health care, privacy law, mental health parity, accountable care organizations, health care access, prescription drug abuse, and issues related to the representation of health care professionals.

Professor Ragone serves on many advisory committees, including the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Pain Management Council; the New Jersey iPHD Advisory Committee; the Good Care Collaborative's Steering Committee; and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care's Center for Behavioral Health and Insurance Literacy. Professor Ragone developed and teaches a health law skills course, is the Faculty Supervisor of the Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. Program, and advises students competing in national health law competitions.

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Jim Markwith

Jim Markwith is the founder of Markwith Law, a practice focused on technology and IP transactions with an emphasis on Healthcare IT, software, cloud based offerings, data protection, compliance, and M&A. His clients range from startups to some of the world's largest technology leaders.

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Mr. Markwith started his legal career as a litigator and transactional attorney in Silicon Valley, and went on to hold Senior and Executive in-house legal positions with Adobe Systems, Microsoft, General Electric Healthcare IT, and Allscripts Healthcare. At Allscripts he served as Senior Vice President and Chief IP Counsel. While there, he negotiated complex technology and IP transactions supporting all Healthcare IT product development, international sales, business development, and M&A. He also established and managed Allscripts' patent and licensing programs, and served as Chief Counsel for the alliance between Allscripts and Singapore's Integrated Health Information Systems (IHIS), which established labs bringing information technologies to health systems in Singapore and other Asian countries.

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The Michigan Association of Health Plans is the state trade association representing Michigan's health plans, providing services to nearly 2.5 million Michigan citizens in Medicaid, Commercial and Medicare product lines of business. Its mission is to advocate for affordable and cost-effective health care services delivered in a competitive and transparent environment to serve Michigan.

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