

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Seventh Annual Jay A. Ziskind Health Law Lecture Series Peptides, Hormones and the Law: Legal Risks and Physician Liability in Longevity Medicine

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 pm
VIRTUAL EVENT (ZOOM)
NSU Shepard Broad College of Law

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



Dr. Luis Martinez, MD, MPH

Physician and President of XanoGene Clinics

Dr. Luis Martinez is a physician specializing in Preventive, Longevity, and Regenerative Medicine, with expertise in clinical research, metabolic health, and advanced therapeutics. He serves as President of XanoGene Clinics, with locations in San Juan and Ponce, Puerto Rico, where he leads the development and implementation of innovative protocols in age management and regenerative medicine.

Dr. Martinez earned his medical degree from the Ponce School of Medicine and completed his residency training at the University of Pennsylvania. He subsequently pursued advanced training in stem cell biology and oncology through a collaborative program between Ponce Health Sciences University and the Magee Research Institute. He also holds a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology, is Board Certified in Clinical Lipidology, and has completed fellowship-level training in Biosecurity.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Martinez is a recognized leader in the advancement of peptide therapeutics. He is Co-Founder of the Clinical Peptide Society, a U.S.-based organization dedicated to physician education and the clinical integration of peptide-based therapies. In collaboration with the Age Management Medicine Group, he co-developed the first formal Peptide Certification Program, which has trained thousands of physicians worldwide.

Dr. Martinez is also the Founder and President of the Caribbean AntiAging Medicine Association, an organization focused on advancing education and clinical standards in longevity and regenerative medicine across the region. Through this platform, he oversees training programs for more than 50 physicians per month in areas including hormone replacement therapy, peptide therapeutics, platelet-rich plasma (PRP), intravenous nutrient therapy, medical weight management, and aesthetic procedures.

Beyond his clinical and educational roles, Dr. Martinez is the Founder of Regenera Global, a multinational enterprise specializing in biotechnology product development, translational research, and clinical consulting. He also serves as Medical Director for multiple clinical organizations in Florida and Puerto Rico, where he provides oversight in regenerative medicine, hormone therapy, and aesthetic services.

Dr. Martinez maintains an active interest in the integration of Artificial Intelligence in medicine, with a focus on its applications in clinical decision support, predictive analytics, personalized longevity protocols, and the optimization of healthcare delivery systems. His work in this area reflects a commitment to leveraging emerging technologies to enhance precision medicine and improve patient outcomes.



Professor Barbara Zabawa

Associate Professor
UMKC School of Law

Associate Professor Barbara J. Zabawa has devoted her legal career to health and wellness law. Before obtaining her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School, she obtained a Master's in Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. After participating in two different fellowships, including the coveted Skadden Fellowship, she sought to carve out a new practice area for lawyers interested in helping practitioners who want healthy lives to be the priority, rather than sickness care.

Prior to joining the UMKC faculty in Fall 2023, Barbara practiced Health Law in several law firms, including her own, the Center for Health and Wellness Law. She also clerked for the Honorable Barbara B. Crabb in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Barbara has written extensively on health and wellness law topics, such as the Affordable Care Act, HIPAA, Medicaid, state licensure laws and

federal employment discrimination laws. Her book, Rule the Rules of Workplace Wellness Programs (published by the American Bar Association) is used in several Wellness Law courses across the country.

Professor Zabawa teaches Health Law I, Health Law II and Healthcare Rights Law at UMKC. She is a Wisconsin native now living in the Kansas City area with her husband, twin teenagers, two dogs and two cats. She loves the idea of entrepreneurship and is happy to talk to anyone who has big dreams and ideas.