



**Shannon Tufts, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government and Director, Center for Public Technology**

Shannon designed and implemented the first local government Chief Information Officers Certification program in the nation and continues to run CIO certification programs for local and state government IT professionals. She created a National Certified Government Chief Information Officer program in 2007, in order to serve the growing needs of public sector IT professionals across the nation. Tufts has taught numerous courses on public sector information systems across the United States, including IT investment strategies, embracing technology, project management, and stakeholder engagement in technology-enabled government. She serves on several federal, state, and local government committees to promote the effective use of technology in the public sector. Her publications in the area of e-government and public sector information technology include *Humanizing IT: Advice from the Experts* with G. David Garson, numerous book chapters, and articles in *Social Sciences Computer Review* and *Popular Government*. She was named Albert and Gladys Coates Distinguished Term Assistant Professor for 2012–2014. Tufts earned a BA from UNC-Chapel Hill, an MPA from UNC-Charlotte, and a PhD in public administration with a concentration in public sector information systems from North Carolina State University. *Fields of Expertise: Center for Public Technology; Information Technology; Social Media (Government Use); Survey Methodology; Technology*



**Aimee N. Wall, Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government**

Aimee Wall joined the School of Government in 2001. Her work in the area of social services law focuses on agency organization and governance, confidentiality of social services information, adult protective services, and public assistance programs. In the animal control law field, she works with local governments on issues such as rabies control, dangerous dogs, and animal cruelty. She also coordinates educational programs for legislators and legislative staff. Until 2011, Wall worked primarily in the public health law field, where her research areas included confidentiality of health information, environmental health inspection and permitting programs, regulation of smoking in public places, and the responsibilities and authority of local boards of health. She has held the Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy. Prior to joining the School, she practiced health care law with Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy in Washington, DC, and served as a health policy analyst in the Office of the Secretary in the US Department of Health and Human Services. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. Aimee earned a BA in English from the Ohio State University and a JD/MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. *Fields of Expertise: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (Adults); Animal Services; Confidentiality (Social Services); Consolidated Human Services Agencies; General Assembly; HIPAA Privacy Rule; Public Assistance Programs; Social Services Law (Boards and Directors, Public Assistance, Public Guardianship, Adult Services)*



**Jennifer B. Milak, Partner with Teague Campbell (Raleigh Office)**

Jennifer is an experienced trial attorney, having tried numerous cases throughout North Carolina. She has represented employers in unemployment, discrimination, retaliation and equal pay litigation. She advises on issues related to compliance with federal and state law in the employment of individuals with disabilities and on leave, the name a few. Jennifer also works with businesses as trial counsel. In this role, her primary goal is to minimize the impact of litigation on everyday operations while assisting to implement effective tools to avoid future litigation. Jennifer represents North Carolina municipalities and public employers, and often advises on compliance with North Carolina's public records and public benefits laws, and defends First, Fourth, Eighth Amendment, and Section 1983 claims. She also enjoys working with public entities to develop

preemptive risk management strategies in light of the ever-changing North Carolina law on governmental immunity. Jennifer handles matters in North Carolina's Superior Courts, the EEOC, all three Federal District Courts in North Carolina, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Jennifer graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She received her Juris Doctor degree magna cum laude from Campbell University School of Law. While in law school, Jennifer was a William Taylor Academic Scholar, served as membership editor of the Campbell Law Review, worked as an intern for Supreme Court Justice Henry Frye, and received American Jurisprudence Awards for excellence in Products Liability Law, Constitutional Law, and Criminal Law. Upon graduation, she was selected for membership in the Order of Barristers. Jennifer is currently serving a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for Campbell University Law School's Alumni Association.



**Tyler Russell, *Business and Hemp Law Attorney, Ward and Smith, P.A.***

Tyler co-chairs Ward and Smith's Hemp Law practice group. He regularly works with clients involved in all levels of hemp and CBD industries and guides the firm's practice in those efforts. Additionally, he has a diverse practice with experience in creditors' rights issues and business law matters. Tyler's business and hemp law practice focuses on advising companies on a broad range of legal issues including, but not limited to, drafting and negotiating corporate agreements and documents, and managing all aspects of mergers, acquisitions, and other transactions for a variety of companies. He frequently represents privately held companies, and assists them in all aspects of their business, from corporate governance and transactions to business structuring, development and expansion opportunities, and succession planning. He also regularly works with regulated industries – including breweries, distilleries, wineries, and industrial hemp operations – to address permitting needs, compliance issues, grower agreements, distribution and supply chain matters, negotiations and interactions with local, state, and federal governments and other related needs.



**Allen Trask, *Litigation and Hemp Law Attorney, Ward and Smith, P.A.***

Allen maintains a diverse litigation and non-litigation practice focused on representing individuals and businesses who own, manage, invest in, service and work the land. Allen is the leader of the firm's Agribusiness practice group and is the co-leader of the Hemp Law practice group. In these roles, he represents clients in, and coordinates the firm's resources to address, the specialized issues facing clients in the agribusiness and hemp industries, such as farmland leases, corporate organization, restructuring, dissolution, and succession planning, equipment financing and leasing, workouts and debt restructuring, environmental regulatory compliance and permitting, protection of trade secrets and intellectual property, and negotiations and interactions with local, state, and federal government. These services encompass all aspects of industrial hemp and cannabidiol (CBD) operations, including licensure before the North Carolina Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, liability and risk planning, sales and marketing contracts, and grower agreements.