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Mark Cheramie Walz is dedicated to leveraging technology in education to create practical solutions that enhance innovation while minimizing liability. As the head of Sweet Stevens' Education Technology Pool Counsel, he collaborates with school districts and Intermediate Units (IUs) across Pennsylvania, focusing on cutting-edge technology issues such as artificial intelligence (AI), data privacy, cybersecurity, and mobile device management. His expertise extends to developing policies and frameworks that help educational institutions navigate the evolving legal and technological landscape.

Mark also serves as solicitor or special counsel for school districts and IUs and frequently represents them in due process hearings and federal court appeals. A dynamic public speaker, Mark provides in-service training for educators on topics such as AI in education, compliance with data privacy laws, and implementing robust cybersecurity measures. His presentations are highly sought after for their relevance and actionable insights.

Before joining Sweet Stevens, Mark served as a special victims prosecutor in Bucks County, specializing in child abuse and computer crime investigations. His in-depth knowledge of computer and mobile phone forensics now informs his legal guidance for schools, helping them navigate complex issues like cybersecurity breaches and online safety for students. Mark is passionate about empowering educational institutions to embrace the future of technology responsibly, ensuring students benefit from innovation while remaining protected by well-crafted legal frameworks.

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*), Hyman-Goodman Award

Villanova University (M.P.A.)

George Washington University (B.A.), Isaac Davis Award

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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