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Having joined Barnabas Health in 2009, Michellene Davis made history in 2013 when she became the first woman named Executive Vice President at Barnabas Health. She now serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer for RWJBarnabas Health, the state's largest integrated health system. Ms. Davis strengthens the system's position with local, state and federal elected officials and agencies and helps to direct the policy decisions of the system. She oversees the areas of strategic marketing and messaging, community partnerships, external affairs, governmental affairs, healthy living and community and employee wellness, the institute for internship and the women's leadership alliance.

Ranked as the state's top lobbyist in the healthcare industry and repeatedly named to the NJBIZ's Healthcare Power 50 list and as one of the state's most politically powerful people, Ms. Davis has served The State of New Jersey under three Governors as Chief Policy Counsel, Appointments Counsel and Acting State Treasurer, Chief Executive of the \$2.4 billion New Jersey Lottery and Senior Policy Advisor in the New Jersey Department of Health. She was the first African American to serve as Chief Policy Counsel and Acting State Treasurer and the youngest person to oversee the New Jersey Lottery in state history.

She began her legal career as a trial litigator in Newark, is an honors graduate of Seton Hall University and holds a Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall Law School.

She is President-elect of Executive Women of New Jersey, Chair of Academic Affairs for the Rutgers- Rowan University Board of Governors, and Secretary of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Ms. Davis has been widely recognized by a variety of industry, political, and civic organizations including being named as one of the Top 25 Black Women in Business. Recently, she also received the "Evangelina Trailblazer Award" from U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and the 2016 Corporate Sector Award from the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association.