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An internationally recognized expert in sports law and arbitration, Professor Richard McLaren has spent his career working at the highest levels to protect the integrity of sports.

Professor McLaren is involved in the adjudication of sports-related disputes at both the amateur and professional level. As a member and Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS), he has arbitrated key sport cases around the world. As an Ad Hoc Panel Member of CAS, he has participated in five Olympic Games during which he resolved disputes pertaining to anti-doping, athlete eligibility and intellectual property rights.

Professor McLaren has lent his expertise across multiple sports. He has served with distinction as an arbitrator for the National Hockey League dealing with salary arbitrations and Player/Agent disputes for the NHL Players' Association. In 2007, he was a consultant in the independent investigation into the illegal use of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs by players in Major League Baseball. He is currently an Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer for the Tennis Integrity Unit and President of the European Basketball Arbitral Tribunal.

As a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2015 Independent Commission, he examined systemic doping and corruption in Russian athletics. In 2016, WADA once again called on his expertise to lead the investigation into allegations of sample tampering at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics (the "McLaren Report").

Richard McLaren is a professor of Law at the Western University in London, Ontario; Chairman Emeritus Advisory Board, National Sports Law Institute at Marquette University; and Special Advisor to Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University. He has published in a wide range of areas, including dispute resolution and bankruptcy. He is also Counsel to McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP and has extensive practical experience as a commercial lawyer and a labour and commercial arbitrator and mediator.

Professor McLaren is a recipient of the Order of Canada by appointment of the Governor General of Canada, one of the country's highest civilian distinctions. It recognizes exceptional achievement, service and contribution to the country and the international community. He is also the recipient of the Board of Governors' Recognition of Achievement Award, Canada Awards for Excellence and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.