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MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
SPORTS LAW PROGRAM



Professor Paul Anderson



Professor Aaron Hernandez

The primary purpose of Marquette's Sports Law Program is to enhance our students' legal education by learning about the law within the sports context. Sports law students learn about many specialized areas of law, how they work within the sports industry, and how they apply more generally outside of the sports industry (e.g., antitrust, labor, intellectual property, federal disability, and gender discrimination laws, etc.). Students develop contract negotiation and drafting, research and writing, alternative dispute resolution, business planning, and transactional skills. Students also learn how several related areas of law combine to govern a complex industry and how courts resolve competing policy concerns when different bodies of law intersect and conflict. The knowledge and skills developed by students in sports law courses and internship experiences are readily transferable and useful in serving clients in the sports industry and other industries as well.

Students who are admitted to Marquette University Law School do not need to apply separately to be part of the Sports Law Program. Students learn about the Sports Law Program and receive guidance on how to participate in each aspect through an annual fall orientation program, spring course planning session, and individual meetings with Professor Anderson, Director of the Sports Law Program.

FACULTY

Our experienced faculty provide sports law students with practical training to prepare them for working in the legal field and in any part of the sports industry.

Paul M. Anderson, L'95, Director, Sports Law Program and Associate Professor of Law

Matthew Banker, L'01, Founder & Principal, MB Sports Consulting, & advisor, Sports Law Section of Church Hiddle & Antrim, Louisville, Kentucky

Peter Baran, L'11, Associate Director of Athletics, Compliance & Enrollment Services, UW Milwaukee Athletics

Martin Greenberg, L'71, Founder of the National Sports Law Institute, long-time sports agent, lawyer, sports facility developer, and managing member, the Law Offices of Martin J. Greenberg, LLC

Aaron Hernandez, L'13, Director, National Sports Law Institute, Associate Professor of Practice and member of the Collegiate Sports Law Practice at Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim

Jill Ingels, L'17, Vice President of Legal & Business Operations, Milwaukee Bucks

Matthew J. Mitten, Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School

Chad Oldfather, Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School

Meghan Pirics, L'16, Senior Counsel, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club

Roger Quiles, esports and sports law attorney, Quiles Law

Allan "Bud" Selig, Commissioner Emeritus, Major League Baseball, and Distinguished Lecturer in Sports Law and Policy

Martin Tierney, Partner and Group Co-Leader, Employee Benefits, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP

Joseph Tierney, III, L'66, Shareholder, Meissner Tierney Fisher & Nichols S.C.



Krista Brown, L'15

Director, Business & Legal Affairs, Peanuts Worldwide LLC



Jordan Lysiak, L'19

Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs, NCAA



Ashley Izzo, L'20

Senior Corporate Counsel, Real Estate, QTS Data Centers

COURSES

Our broad, well-rounded courses are designed to provide law students with both a theoretical and practical education concerning legal regulation of the United States amateur and professional sports industries as well as an understanding of Olympic, international, and comparative sports law issues.

- Advanced Legal Research in Sports Law
- Amateur Sports Law
- Professional Sports Law
- Seminar: Advanced Legal Writing in Sports Law
- Seminar: The Jurisprudence of Sport
- Sports Industry Taxation Issues
- Sports Law Research Program
- Workshop: Legal and Business Issues in Collegiate Athletics
- Workshop: Legal and Business Issues in Esports
- Workshop: Legal Issues in Youth, High School, and Recreational Sports
- Workshop: Name-Image-Likeness in Today's Collegiate Athletics
- Workshop: NCAA Governance and Compliance
- Workshop: Sports Sponsorship—Legal and Business Issues
- Workshop: Sports Facilities: Legal and Economic Issues Surrounding Stadiums and Arenas
- Workshop: The Impact of Gender Equity Law on Sport
- Workshop: The Regulation and Representation of Athletes: Legal and Business Issues
- Workshop: Working as In-House Counsel in the Sports Industry

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Sports Law Program supports a large variety of internships for students within the sports industry over all levels of sports from positions at area high school athletic departments, to positions at collegiate athletic departments, professional sports teams like the Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers, and national organizations like the NCAA and US Speedskating, to name a few. In recent years, Sports Law Program students also have been selected as interns or externs with national sports industry organizations including NIKE, Kroenke Sports and Entertainment, and NIL Network.

17 The number of sports law courses offered by Marquette Law School

The number of internship experiences Marquette Sports Law students are placed at each year **50+**



Rachel Lindsay Abasolo, L'11

*Attorney & Media Personality
Host, The Morally Corrupt Bravo Show, Co-Host, Higher Learning Podcast*



Andy Shiffman, L'09

*Executive Vice President of Basketball Representation
Priority Sports and Entertainment*



Aaron Hernandez, L'13

Associate Professor of Practice and Director, National Sports Law Institute



Sports Law Certificate class of 2026

SPORTS LAW CERTIFICATE

Sports Law Program students have the opportunity to earn a Sports Law Certificate from the National Sports Law Institute, demonstrating that they have completed the most rigorous requirements in the country including both coursework and experiential learning. Students register as Certificate candidates during their first semester in law school. Only Sports Law Certificate candidates are eligible to be selected for Sports Law Program internships or sports law skills development competitions. To earn the Sports Law Certificate, students must complete all of the following requirements:

- Amateur Sports Law
- Professional Sports Law
- A sports law workshop
- A seminar focused on writing a comprehensive research paper on a sports law topic
- Advanced legal research in sports law
- An alternative dispute resolution course
- A substantive law course that impacts the sports industry
- One year as a member of the *Marquette Sports Law Review*
- A sports law practice/research internship of at least one semester in length

Sports Law Program alumni and members of the NSLI's Board of Advisors support numerous **awards and scholarships** recognizing student academic performance, writing, and service to the Sports Law Program.

The **joint J.D./M.B.A. in Sports Business** degree is offered through Marquette University's Law School and the Graduate School of Management. Sports Law Certificate Program students who are also enrolled in the M.B.A. program can generally earn both degrees in less time than if each degree were pursued separately.



Sarah Padove, L'12

Sr. Director, Public Affairs – AUSL, Athletes Unlimited



Austin Malinowski, L'20

Litigation Associate, Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia, PA



Taylor Brisco, L'19

Associate Attorney, Constangy, Dallas, TX

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Sports Law Program students have the opportunity to be part of several student groups including the Sports Law Society, student support groups like the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Women in the Game Network, and the Peer-to-Peer Network, and student outreach and mentoring groups like the Student Alumni Outreach Committee.

Sports law students edit and publish the *Marquette Sports Law Review* under the leadership of a student editorial board. The *Marquette Sports Law Review* is the nation's preeminent sports law publication of its type.

Competitions

The **Sports Law Competition Board** hosts a fall collegiate athletics, a spring professional sports negotiation competition, and coordinates student participation in various national competitions. Only Sports Law Certificate candidates may participate in national sports law moot court, arbitration, and negotiation competitions.



2026-2027 *Marquette Sports Law Review* Editorial Board



2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Sports Law Competition Boards

SPORTS LAW EVENTS

By attending numerous sports law events held online and within Eckstein Hall year-round, Sports Law Program students have unique opportunities to network with alums and other individuals working in many segments of the legal and sports industry. These events include an annual sports law conference, spring current issues seminar, and summer sports and entertainment law seminar, along with multiple events in the Sports Law Speaker and Conversation Series, career panels, networking sessions, and many other events each year

100+

The number of guest speakers the Marquette Sports Law Program welcomed in 2025-2026 academic year



Katie Tortorici, L'17

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance & Student-Athlete Development,
Yale University



Mario Harmon, L'20

Corporate Counsel, Intersport, Chicago



Aurusa Moosani, L'19

Associate General Counsel & Director of Compliance,
Orlando City Soccer Club and Orlando Pride

NATIONAL SPORTS LAW INSTITUTE

Founded in 1989, the National Sports Law Institute is affiliated with Marquette's Sports Law Program. Its mission is to be the leading national educational and research institute for the study of legal, ethical, and business issues affecting amateur and professional sports from both an academic and practical perspective.

Professor Paul Anderson is the Director of the Sports Law Program as well as a Marquette University Law School alumnus, former President of the Sports Law Society, and former Editor-in-Chief of the *Marquette Sports Law Journal*.

Professor Aaron Hernandez is the Director of the National Sports Law Institute.

SPORTS LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Members of the Sports Law Alumni Association significantly benefit and support sports law students by hosting student interns, participating in various Sports Law Program events, coaching the sports law competition teams, providing career advice and mentorship, and teaching various sports law courses.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

The National Sports Law Institute Board of Advisors is a group of sports lawyers, sports industry executives and professionals, sports law professors and teachers, and others who assist the Institute's Directors by participating in and sponsoring events, providing internships and career opportunities for students and alumni, supporting scholarships for students, and teaching various sports law courses. Members include sports law alumni Eryn Doherty, L'00, Vice President for Labor Relations, NBC Universal Media LLC; Nyea Sturman, L'03, General Counsel, Orlando Magic; and Craig Pintens, L'01, Athletic Director, Loyola Marymount University; as well as industry professionals Matthew Banker, L'01, Founder & Principal, MB Sports Consulting & advisor, Sports Law Section of Church Church Hiddle & Antrim; Michael Lenard, Vice President, International Council of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland; and Kevin Schulz, Partner and Co-Chair, Sports Industry Team, Foley & Lardner LLP, among many others.



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