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MARCH 29, 2007
From the Press Box to the Locker Room: The State of Sports in America in the 21st Century
→Christine Brennan, USA Today sports columnist and on-air commentator for ABC News and ESPN
→Marquette University Law School

APRIL 9, 2007
Marquette University Law School Sports Law Program Informational Meeting for Current Students
→Marquette University Law School

APRIL 27, 2007
Annual Sports Law Awards Banquet
→Hilton Hotel Downtown Milwaukee

National Sports Law Institute Year in Review*
by Paul M. Anderson, Editor & NSLI Associate Director

During the past six months the NSLI and the Sports Law Program at Marquette University Law School have continued to provide diverse educational opportunities for Marquette law students as well as current and future leaders in the sports industry. In addition, through various publications and events, the NSLI has continued to provide a national forum for the thoughtful consideration and discussion of American and international sports law and business issues. An overview of these activities and publications follows.

LL.M. IN SPORTS LAW

In August 2007 Marquette University Law School will begin offering the first and only Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Sports Law degree in the United States. This unique graduate degree in Sports Law will provide lawyers trained at foreign law schools with both a theoretical and practical education concerning legal regulation of the United States amateur and professional sports industries as well as Olympic and international sports.

Marquette University Law School’s Sports Law Program attracts J.D. students from throughout the country. The new LL.M. program makes Marquette's Sports Law curriculum available to lawyers who have earned a law degree from an accredited foreign law school. It will enable foreign lawyers to earn a specialized post-graduate degree in sports law that also develops knowledge and skills with general application outside the sports industry. In particular, an individual who earns the LL.M. in Sports Law degree will be able to:

1. Understand how amateur, professional, and Olympic sports are regulated by the United States legal system, which will enhance one's ability to make comparisons with the legal regulation of sports in his/her home country.

*Editor’s Note: This year in review covers the past six months in order to catch up with the partial year in review for 2006 published in Volume 17, Numbers 1&2 (combined issue).
2. Understand the key historical, sociological, economic, and public policy issues influencing the development of American sports law.

3. Understand the different internal processes for regulating amateur, professional, and Olympic sports within the United States.

4. Understand how various areas of American public law, particularly antitrust and labor law, shape and constrain the internal regulatory authority of private sports leagues and organizations.

5. Be able to use this knowledge effectively in matters involving American sports organizations, leagues, and athletes.

6. Understand the international legal environment applicable to sport.

7. Identify and understand policy issues affecting the legal regulation of sport and resolve legal problems from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

To earn the LL.M. in Sports Law degree, students must successfully complete a minimum of 22 credit hours during a nine-month period of academic residence at Marquette University Law School, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Required courses include Professional Sports Law, Amateur Sports Law, two sports law electives, and an LL.M. Directed Research Project on an international or comparative sports law issue/topic. Students must also take two general electives from the Law School’s civil litigation and dispute resolution, business and commercial law, employment law, or intellectual property law course streams.

Admission to the LL.M. program in Sports Law is selective and will be based primarily on previous performance in legal studies, although professional accomplishments, publications, and other factors will be given significant weight. No rigid requirements for grades or class rankings will be used, but the Admissions Committee expects that successful candidates will have strong academic records and substantial professional and/or scholarly achievements, especially in the area of Sports Law and related fields.

Further information on the LL.M. in Sports Law program can be found on the NSLI’s website at LL.M. website: http://law.marquette.edu/jw/llm.

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMER SPORTS: CURRENT LEGAL AND BUSINESS ISSUES**

On Friday, October 6, 2006, the National Sports Law Institute hosted a conference titled *Individual Performer Sports: Current Legal and Business Issues* at the Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union on the Marquette University campus in Milwaukee. Conference sponsors included the law firms of Foley & Lardner, LLP, and Greenberg & Hoeschen, LLC, and the Sports & Entertainment Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The conference featured five panels addressing cutting edge legal and business issues related to tennis, golf, track and field, poker, swimming and other individual performer sports.
The conference began with a panel on “Internal Regulation Issues in Individual Performer Sports and Public Law Limits on Authority.” Moderated by Professor Matt Mitten the Director of the National Sports Law Institute the panel included: James McKeown, Partner, Chair, Antitrust Practice Group, and Member, Sports Industry Team, Foley & Lardner LLP, Milwaukee, WI, who discussed “Antitrust Law for Sports: What’s Old, What’s New and What Could Be Coming;” and Professor Maureen Weston, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA, who discussed “Regulation of Individual Performer Sports Through Federal Disability Laws.”

The second panel focused on issues related to “Transsexualism and Athletic Competition.” Moderated by Jill Pilgrim, General Counsel & Director of Business Affairs, USA Track & Field, Inc., Indianapolis, IN, the panel included: Elizabeth (Libba) Galloway, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Ladies Professional Golf Association, Daytona Beach, FL, and Shannon Minter, Legal Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights, San Francisco, CA.

The first afternoon panel presented the first part of two panels focused on “Legal Issues in Golf, Tennis and Track & Field.” Moderated by Professor J. Gordon Hylton, Marquette University Law School, panelists included: Libba Galloway, from the LPGA, who discussed “Issues Faced by Professional Golf Organizations Whose Athletes are Members of the Organization Rather than Employees of a Team;” Professor Barbara Osborne, Exercise and Sport Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, who discussed “Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Issues in Golf;” and Jill Pilgrim from USA Track & Field, Inc., who discussed “Selected Legal Issues in the Sport of Track & Field.”
The fourth panel was part two of “Legal Issues in Golf, Tennis and Track & Field.” Moderated by Martin Greenberg, Partner, Greenberg & Hoeschen, LLC, Milwaukee, WI, the panel included: Ryan Rodenberg, Associate General Counsel, Octagon, McLean, VA, who discussed “The Top Ten Legal Issues in Tennis;” Gary Johansen, Associate General Counsel, U.S. Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO, who presented “A Review of adidas v GSC & ITF and Key Provisions of the WADA Code;” Professor Richard McLaren, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, and member, Court of Arbitration for Sport, London, Ontario, Canada, who discussed “Tennis: A Sport Without Drugs!;” and Gordon Kirke, Q.C., Sports Lawyer and Sports Law Professor, Toronto, Canada, who discussed “Rights of the Athlete in Individual Sports to Engage in Endorsements and Other Activities Outside The Purview of the Organization Governing the Sport.”

The final panel focused on “Legal and Business Issues in Emerging Individual Performer Sports.” Moderated by Professor Paul Anderson, Associate Director of the National Sports Law Institute and Chair, Sports & Entertainment Law Section, State Bar of Wisconsin, the panel included: Patrice Brunet, International Sports Attorney and Arbitrator, and Legal Counsel, International Triathlon Union, Brunet Avocats, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, who presented “A Brief Job Description For Lawyers Wishing To Counsel International Sports Federations;” Professor Adam Epstein, College of Business Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI, who discussed “Triathlon and Swimming Contract Considerations;” and James Sullivan, Executive Vice President, Poker Royalty, LLC, and Founder and President, MVP Sports Group, Las Vegas, NV, who presented “Sports’ Marketing for the Poker Professional.”

Overall, approximately 130 lawyers, industry professionals, sports management and sports law professors and law students attended the conference. To obtain written conference materials call (414) 288-5815, email munsli@mu.edu, or visit the NSLI’s publication page at http://law.marquette.edu/jw/pubs under “conference materials.”
Under the leadership of 2005-2006 editor-in-chief Jenni Spies, Volume 16, Number 2 of the Marquette Sports Law Review was published in the spring of 2006. The issue included the following sports law articles, surveys, and comments:


- Geoffrey Christopher Rapp, *Affirmative Injunctions in Athletic Employment Contracts: Rethinking the Place of the Lumley Rule in American Sports Law*

- Ola Olatawura, *The “Theater of Dreams”? – Manchester United FC, Globalization and International Sports Law*

- Holly Hogan, *What Athletic Departments Must Know About Title IX and Sexual Harassment*


- Susan K. Menge, 2005 Annual Survey – Recent Developments in Sports Law

- Jenni E. Spies, Comment: *Winning At All Costs: An Analysis of A University’s Potential Liability for Sexual Assaults Committed By Its Student Athletes*

- Paul M. Anderson, Review Essay: *A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX*

- Darren R. Merten, *Sports Law in Law Reviews and Journals*
Under the leadership of 2006-2007 editor-in-chief Lindsay Potrafke, Volume 17, Number 1 was published in the fall of 2006. It included a symposium including articles written by the National Sports Law Institute’s Board of Advisors including the following sports law articles, surveys, and comments:

- Matthew J. Mitten & Paul M. Anderson, *Foreword*
- *In Memoriam: Charles W. Mentkowski*
- Michael J. Cramer & James M. Swiatko, Jr., *Did Major League Baseball Balk? Why Didn’t MLB Bargain to Impasse and Impose Stricter Testing for Performance Enhancing Substances?*
- Timothy Davis, *Avila v. Citrus Community College District: Shaping the Contours of Immunity and Primary Assumption of the Risk*
- Patricia A. Cervenka, *Free Shoes for Primary and Secondary Schools: Playing by the Rules of Title IX*
- Janis K. Doleschal, *Managing Risk in Interscholastic Athletic Programs: 14 Legal Duties of Care*
- Lindsay M. Potrafke, *Comment: Checking Up on Student-Athletes: An NCAA Regulation Requiring Criminal Background Checks*
- James M. Swiatko, Jr., *Index: Sports Law in Law Reviews and Journals*

All issues of the Marquette Sports Law Review can be ordered from the internet at [http://law.marquette.edu/jw/mslr](http://law.marquette.edu/jw/mslr).
For The Record is the official newsletter of the National Sports Law Institute. Articles published in Volume 17 include:

- Mark Vetter & Daniel Chanen, *Student-Athletes and Steroid Testing* (Issue 1&2)
- Martin Greenberg & Todd Krumholz, *What’s In a Name* (Issue 1&2)
- *In Memoriam: Professor Charles W. Mentkowski* (Issue 4)
- Anne Wall, *Protecting Intellectual Property in China* (Issue 4)

**Sports Facility Reports**

*Sports Facility Reports* is now published online at [http://law.marquette.edu/jw/sfr](http://law.marquette.edu/jw/sfr) once a year and provides information related to the sports facility industry. Volume 7 included the following compilations of research:

- Report on Sports Facility Financing Cases
- *Facility Update Charts* for the following sports:
  - Major League Baseball (appendix 1)
  - Minor League Baseball™ (appendix 1.1)
  - Minor League Baseball™ (appendix 1.2)
  - Minor League Baseball™ (appendix 1.3)
  - National Basketball Association (appendix 2)
    - Other Basketball Leagues (appendix 2.1)
  - National Football League (appendix 3)
    - Other Football Leagues (appendix 3.1)
With Volume 7, the *You Make The Call...* online newsletter began providing a more in-depth analysis of all cases impacting the sports industry during the preceding 6 months. Volume 8, Number 1, included cases from January 1st until June 30th, 2006, while Number 2 included cases from July 1st to December 31st. Cases reported on in these issues cover the following areas of law:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Americans with Disabilities Act Law
- Antitrust Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Discrimination Law
- Education Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Property Law
- Publicity Rights
- Tort Law
- Workers’ Compensation

*You Make The Call...* is available online at http://law.marquette.edu/ymtc.

**SPORTS LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The NSLI’s Sports Law Alumni Association (SLAA) is made up of Marquette University Law School graduates who are committed to supporting the NSLI and Sports Law Program after their time as law students has ended. Among other functions, SLAA members raise funds for student scholarships and support NSLI events, including the annual Alumni Career Panel and Sports Law Alumni lunches.
New members added to the Association in 2005 include: Mark Dodds, Director of Event Marketing, JUST MARKETING INTERNATIONAL, THE INTELLIGENT MOTORSPORTS AGENCY, Zionsville, IN; Katie Featherston, Attorney, Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Matthew Granitz, Eggert & Cermele, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Jon Gonzalez, Assurant Health, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Lori Goodwin, Louisville, KY (L’06); Trevor Haley, Colorado Rockies, Denver, CO (L’06); Jeff Herbert, Manager of Mediation Services, Center for Conflict Resolution, Chicago, IL (L’06); Jessica Jones, Pat Cresta-Savage and Associates, Washington, D.C. (L’06); Jason Kuiper, Menard Inc., Eau Claire, WI (L’06); Katie Lindgren, Sports Museum Consultant, Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation, Madison, WI (L’06); Susan Menge, Associate Attorney, Cook & Franke, S.C., Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Darren Merten, Assistant Vice President, Church & School Division, B.C. Ziegler and Company, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Mary Olson, Mequon, WI (L’06); Dan Peterson, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C., Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Michael J. Redding, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren SC, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Jenni Spies, Assistant District Attorney, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, WI (L’06); Mark Vap, Vap Law Office, New Berlin, WI (L’04); and Matthew Weiss, Racine, WI (L’06).

The Sports Law Alumni Association produces Sports Law Alumni News on a bi-annual basis providing information on and for its members. It is available online as part of the Association's website at http://law.marquette.edu/jw/slaa.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

On October 7, 2006, the Marquette University Law School Sports Law Society and the National Sports Law Institute’s Sports Law Alumni Association hosted the Annual Sports Law Golf Classic at Scenic View Country Club. Proceeds from the Classic support various sports law student scholarship funds at Marquette Law School. $1,667.00 were contributed to the fund from the 2006 Golf Classic.
SPORTS INDUSTRY PANEL

On October 5, 2007, the NSLI hosted an informal panel where individuals from the sports industry discussed their perceptions of the future of careers in the sports industry. Panelists included:

- Hank Abromson (L'01), Associate Attorney, Greber & Associates, PC, Frederick, MD
- Andrew Brandt, Vice President & General Counsel, Green Bay Packers, Green Bay, WI
- Gary Johansen, Associate General Counsel, United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO
- Keith Miller (L'01), Assistant Director of Compliance, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- Kristi Schoepfer (L'01), Assistant Professor, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

SPORTS LAW ALUMNI LUNCHES

Periodically, the NSLI invites alumns from the Marquette University Law School’s Sports Law Program to talk to current law students over an informal lunch. These lunches provide students with an opportunity to talk to alums about their careers on a personal level as part of a small group. The NSLI hosted two of these lunches in the fall of 2006, (1) October 19, 2006, with Elise Neils (L'95), President, AbsoluteBusiness, LLC, and Mike Sneathern (L'02), Legal Associate, Milwaukee Bucks, and (2) November 16, 2006, with Mark Vetter, Shareholder & Chairman of the Board, Davis & Kuelthau, S.C., Brookfield, Wisconsin, and a member of the NSLI's Board of Advisors.

NEW FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

The following list includes books that may be of interest to attorneys and others working within the sports industry. This list is provided as a service to our readers.

Airball: American Education’s Failed Experiment with Elite Athletes
John R. Gerdy
University Press of Mississippi

Black Maestro: The Epic Life of an American Legend
Joe Drape
Harper Collins Publishers

Forty Million Dollar Slaves: The Rise, Fall, and Redemption of the Black Athlete
William C. Rhoden
Crown Publishers

Inside Dope: How Drugs Are the Biggest Threat to Sports, Why You Should Care, and What Can Be Done About Them
Dick Pound
John Wiley & Sons, Canada, Ltd.
NSLI DIRECTORS’ PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

During the past six months, Professor Matt Mitten, the NSLI’s Director, published the following works:


Professor Mitten also participated in the following conferences and seminars:

- Speaker, Legal Issues Regarding Medical Eligibility to Participate, Medical and Legal Controversies in Athletics: Collegiate, Professional, Olympic and High School, Chicago, IL, December 7, 2006
- Guest Lecturer, Interscholastic and Intercollegiate Governance and Risk Management Issues, Northwestern University Graduate Sports Management Program, Chicago, IL, July 20, 2006

Professor Paul Anderson, the NSLI’s Associate Director, participated in the following conferences and seminars:

- Guest Lecturer, An Analysis of the Professional Sports Facility Lease Agreement: FOCUS: Green Bay Packers & Milwaukee Brewers, September 21, 2006, in Professor Martin Greenberg’s Sports Venues: From Election Day to Game Day course
- Presenter, Federal Regulation of Collegiate Athletics, as part of THE UNIQUE AND EXPANDING ROLE OF SPORT LAW: CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Annual Conference, August 11, 2006, St. Petersburg, Fl.

NEW FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

- Introduction to Sports Law and Business (8th Ed.)
  Phil Breaux
  Bent Tree Press
  ISBN 1-933005-46-7
- Law for Recreation and Sport Managers (4th Ed.)
  Doyice Cotton & John Wolohan (Eds.)
  Kendall/Hunt Publishing
  ISBN 0-7575-3045-1
- Sports in Society: Issues and Controversies (9th Ed.)
  Jay Coakley
  McGraw Hill
  ISBN 0-07-304727-9
  Ray Yasser, James R. McCurdy, C. Peter Goplerud & Maureen A. Weston
  LexisNexis
  ISBN 0-8205-7037-0
- The Strict Liability Principle and the Human Rights of Athletes in Doping Cases
  Janwillem Soek
  TMC Asser Press
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