

Review's Editor-in-Chief. I know this upcoming year will teach me invaluable legal writing and editing skills, managerial skills, and help me better understand a variety of legal issues and trends. I expect it to be challenging, but also immensely rewarding.

I also am excited about my internship with the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball District. Arranged by the Institute, this internship allowed me cultivate my passion for baseball, and to dive into facility finance, operation, and management. More important, Professor Anderson considered my specific interests when placing me in this internship.

Finally, the network of individuals that students have access to is truly great. These individuals are employed in a variety of areas and fields, but are always willing to speak with students whether it is at an informal lunch meeting or during the annual sports law conferences. Each event I attend helps me to realize just how much this program has meant to Marquette Law School graduates in their personal and professional development. I also understand more and more that the success of the program is due not only to the continued support of the alumni, but to the continued hard work of Professors Anderson and Mitten. I feel fortunate for the time I have spent in the program.



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My Sports Law Experience at Marquette University Law School

By **Nick Walls** (L'10), President, Marquette University Law School, Sports Law Society.

As a first-year student arriving at Marquette University Law School, I was a little overwhelmed, and I was not quite sure what direction I would take. I had heard about the Sports Law program but it was more of a vague concept than anything concrete. Fortunately, I got involved with the Sports Law program right away and did not stop. I am now a third year student with the prospect of graduation on the horizon. As a result of being involved with the Sports Law program, the unsure and overwhelming feeling I had as a first year student has been replaced with direction and purpose.

As I mentioned earlier, sports law was a vague concept to me at first, and I was not sure how it would apply in a classroom setting. Through the various sports law courses I have taken one thing has become very clear; sports law is not a specific discipline, rather it encompasses a number of different legal disciplines. It ranges from constitutional and tort law in a college or high school setting, to contract and property law in the professional setting. Beyond the classroom, I have also become involved in the Sports Law Society, which is the social arm of the Sports Law program that is run by students. In its own way, the Society helped me grow as a sports law student. It allowed me to feel comfortable around my classmates and professors, which quelled any apprehension I had towards pursuing sports law. Currently, I am the president of the Sports Law Society, and I hope to help have that same effect on this year's 1L class.

The National Sports Law Institute is another aspect of sports law at Marquette University Law School. It is unique in that it is a sports law organization directly associated with a top law school. The benefit of that unique attribute is that Marquette University Law School is the epicenter of developments within sports and the law. I had underestimated the breadth and depth of the program before I began school here but have since began to grasp the caliber of people the Institute attracts. Just this last semester one of my sports law classes had the opportunity to hear Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig guest lecture on four separate occasions. Additionally, with the Institute located right here at our law

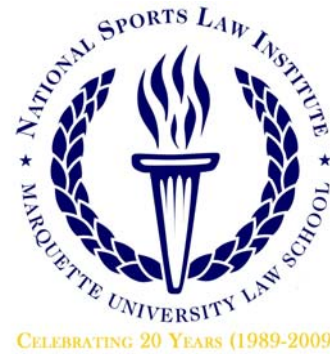
school, Marquette and Milwaukee plays host to a number of different conferences and gatherings each year, which serve as invaluable networking opportunities for a student looking to get into the sports law field.

In the future I hope to be employed in the sports law field in some capacity. If this becomes a reality I will no doubt employ the knowledge and skill I have acquired from the Sports Law program at Marquette University Law School.

Sports Law Research Website

The National Sports Law Institute of Marquette University Law School has created a free sports law research website — <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/research>. The site provides links to useful information for sports lawyers, sports law students and faculty, sports journalists, and sports industry professionals. Information that can be found on the site includes:

- Sports Law Cases
- Sports Law Periodicals
- Sports Law Documents
- Sports Law Academic Resources
- Sports Organizations
- International Sports Law Resources
- General Sports Law Research Information
- Sports Facility Research



The site also contains links to other Institute websites including:

- The NSLI's Organizational Documents webpage → <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/sldocs>.

This site contains links to many sports industry documents that are available online, including professional sports league collective bargaining agreements, NCAA manuals & publications, college coaching contracts, international competition rules and decisions, state high school athletic association manuals, and various federal government materials related to sports.

- The NSLI's Sports Links webpage → <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/links>.

This site contains an extensive listing of links to webpages within the sports industry, including links in the following categories: Sports and Sports Law on Twitter, Sports and Sports Law Blogs, Sports News, Sports Law Periodicals, Sports and Sports Law Academic & Research Organizations, Sports and Sports Law Information, NSLI Sports Law Career Website, Professional Sports Organizations, Amateur Sports Organizations, International Sports Organizations, Other Sports Organizations, Sports and Sports Law Membership Associations, State/City Bar Sports Law Committees/Divisions/Sections, Sports and Sports Law Conferences & Seminars, and many other useful sites.