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MIKE MARCIL TO RECEIVE JOSEPH E. O'NEILL AWARD

Congratulations to SLAA Member Mike Marcil, the Commissioner of the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who will receive the 2004 Joseph E. O'Neill Award.

The Award was established by the O'Neill family, Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. and the National Sports Law Institute after Mr. O'Neill's untimely death in 1992. The award is given to an individual in the sports industry who has made a significant contribution to the field and done so while exemplifying the highest ethical standards.

Mike received his law degree from Marquette University Law School in 1985 and credits several Marquette professors, especially adjunct professor and alum Marty Greenberg, for providing the inspiration and background for his career in sports administration. Mike will receive this award during the NSLI's annual awards dinner that will be held at the Wisconsin Club on Friday, April 23, 2004.

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James Sullivan (L'01), has been named the Vice President—Sports Marketing Division & General Counsel, of Imani Sports, LLC, in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Ian Harper (L'03), worked as an assistant to the screenwriter of *Scary Movie 3*.

Eryn Doherty (L'00), has transferred to the National Labor Relations Board's Boston regional office.

Ante Udovicic (L'98), Athletics, Activities & Recreation Coordinator, South Milwaukee High School is working on the SM Legacy Committee project whose goal is to raise \$2 million to complete the campus for the new high school.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the newest members of the Sports Law Alumni Association:

Travis Burau (L'03), Milwaukee, WI

Matt Carey (L'99), Director of Tier I/Advanced Development Boys Hockey, Powerade Iceport, Cudahy, WI

James T. Gray (L'90), Partner, Pierski & Gray, Milwaukee, WI and Associate Professor, School of Law, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia

Ian Harper (L'03), Los Angeles, CA

Christopher McKinny (L'03), Legal Action of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Kristin Muenzen (L'03), Associate Attorney, Thaler & Thaler, Ithaca, NY

Brian Nuedling (L'03), Thorpe, Compton & Christian SC, Delavan, WI

Michelle Pierce (L'03), Fortis Health, Grafton, WI

Nicola Sollinger (L'03), Amram and Hahn, PC, Arlington, VA

Jeffrey Tanner (L'03), Milwaukee, WI

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Association Member Profiles

JAMES T. GRAY is Adjunct Associate Professor in Sports Law at the Griffith University Law School. He is also Senior Research Fellow at the Asser International Sports Law Center, TMC Asser Institute at The Hague.

He is co-author of the two-volume textbook *Sports Law Practice* (Lexis Law Publishing, 1999, 2nd ed.) and *The Stadium Game* (NSLI, 1996). He has published widely in North America and internationally on sports law matters and is a contributing writer to *Sports Business International* magazine.

Jim is a partner at the Milwaukee based law firm, Pierski & Gray, LLP, where he has served as a consultant and has represented professional sports leagues, professional and amateur athletes, and youth sports programs in issues ranging from drug testing, sports based risk management, labor contracts and negotiations as well as sports television and sports facilities agreements. He has taught sports law classes for over ten years in numerous universities worldwide. From 1990-1997 he served as Assistant Director of the National Sports Law Institute at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee.

His particular research interests include the representation of professional athletes; drug testing in sports; licensing and sponsorship of sports events; the legal aspects of sports medicine; sports based risk management; and the negotiation and drafting of sports facility leases.

HEATHER CAIN is an associate with the law firm of Quarles & Brady, LLP, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A 2000 *cum laude* graduate of Marquette University Law School Heather focuses her legal practice on intellectual property, copyright & trademark law, and government affairs. She is a member of the American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section, and Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, a member of the Milwaukee Bar Association, International Trademark Association, and the Secretary of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Heather graduated with her B.A., *honorary distinction*, from the University of Wisconsin and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and Sigma Delta Pi.

MATTHEW BANKER is a Membership Services Coordinator for the NCAA at its national office in Indianapolis. Matthew's duties include providing interpretations on NCAA legislation for member institutions, conferences, and the general public. Matthew prepares and presents initial-eligibility waivers to NCAA subcommittees on issues involving learning disabilities and transcript and grade-point average changes. Further, Matthew reviews high school core-courses to be used in conjunction with the NCAA Clearinghouse's eligibility certification of incoming freshman student-athletes. During the summer, Matthew speaks to prospective student-athletes, parents, and high school and college coaches about recruiting, amateurism, and financial-aid rules at certified basketball camps.

Matthew earned a degree in print journalism from the University of St. Thomas (MN) in 1997, and his law degree from Marquette University in 2001. Outside of the office, Matthew enjoys participating on basketball and softball teams during the summer and volunteering at the Indianapolis Boys and Girls Club. He also is a life-long Marquette basketball fan and hopes for a return trip to the Final Four for the Golden Eagles in 2004.