

# Sports Law Alumni News

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## Congratulations to Kathryn Statz the 2005 Sports Law Alumnus of the Year

The Sports Law Alumnus of the Year Award is given by the Sports Law Alumni Association to the alum who best exemplifies the following characteristics:

- (1) dedication to the sports law program at Marquette University Law School while a student,
- (2) contributions to the Sports Law Alumni Association,
- (3) contributions to the field of sports law in general, and
- (4) support of the NSLI and Sports Law Program after his or her time as a student in the law school

The 2005 winner of the Sports Law Alumnus of the Year Award is Kathryn Statz.



Kathryn is in her third year as DePaul's Associate Athletic Director for Varsity Sports. She was named to her current position in August 2002.

Kathryn handles a wide variety of duties with the Blue Demons. She is responsible for the administration of DePaul's varsity sports, oversees the coordination of all compliance matters with the NCAA and is responsible

for all contractual matters within the Athletic Department.

Kathryn came to DePaul after spending eight years at Marquette University where she served as an Assistant Athletics Director for Olympic Sports Marketing and Compliance. In her duties with the Golden Eagles, she coordinated the initial recruiting and eligibility certification process, oversaw the department's women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, golf, and men's and women's track and field programs and served as the department's senior woman administrator and chair of the university's Gender Equity Committee. Kathryn also was responsible for monitoring all varsity athletic teams' NCAA rules compliance.

Along with her duties at DePaul and Marquette, Statz has extensive experience with the NCAA and conference affiliations. She was a member of the NCAA Management Council from 2000-2004 and had previously served as an eligibility appeals representative with the organization from 1992-1994. Kathryn was also a member of Conference USA's Championship Committee and was a member of C-USA's search committee, which selected a new commissioner in 2002.

Kathryn earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Mundelein College in 1988 where she was also a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She completed her law degree at Marquette in December of 2000. She resides in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood.

Kathryn will be given the award at the NSLI's Annual Awards Dinner on Friday April 22, 2005, at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee.

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## **Brenda Van Cuick (L'04) selected to the University of Wisconsin- Parkside's Athletic Hall of Fame**

On February 20, 2005, Brenda Van Cuick, a 2004 graduate of the Law School and recipient of the NSLI's Sports Law Certificate, was inducted into the University of Wisconsin Parkside's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Brenda was a four-year starter on the women's basketball team at Parkside. She is the University's sixth all-time leading scorer. While Brenda was a Ranger, UW-Parkside teams had a prolific scoring offense, setting the season average scoring record of 77.0 points per game. In recognition of her accomplishments Brenda, was selected to the NAIA All-District 14 Team twice. In her junior year she was also named the NAIA District 14 Player of the Year and an NAIA All-American.

After graduating from Parkside as a Business major in 1991, Brenda went on to set records in the Women's professional Football League (WPFL) while playing for the Wisconsin Riveters and the Northern Ice. Both teams have appeared in the National Championship with the Ice winning the WPFL National Championship in 2003. In 2004 she was selected for the WPFL Pro Bowl.

Brenda lives in Kenosha where she works as a firefighter.

## **ALUMS IN NEW POSITIONS**

Hank Abromson (L'04), is now with Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver, in Baltimore, Maryland.

William Appleton, Jr. (L'03), is a new member and a judicial law clerk for the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Saipan.

Schuyler Baehman (L'00), formerly with Street & Smith's SportsBusinessDaily in Charlotte, North Carolina, is now a Senior Account Executive with Dan Klores Communications in New York, New York.

Matthew Banker (L'01) was promoted to assistant director of membership services for the NCAA.

Chris Buckler (L'04), is in the Sports Administration graduate program at the University of Alabama.

Gary Davenport (L'95), formerly with Chiumento & Davenport in Palm Coast, has opened Gary B Davenport PA in Flagler Beach, Florida.

Dan Foutz (L'04), has recently been named the General Manager of the San Diego Riptide, the arenafootball2 team in San Diego, California.

James Gray's (L'90) firm has become Pierski, Mann & Gray LLP in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Eugene LaFlamme (L'02), formerly with Mingo & Yankala, SC in Milwaukee, is now with McCoy & Hofbauer, SC in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Nathaniel St. Clair, II (L'04), is a new member with Foley & Lardner LLP, in their Milwaukee, Wisconsin office.

Thomas Stuck (L'04), formerly in Swanton, Maryland, is now with the Naval Legal Service Office Southwest in San Diego, California.

James Sullivan (L'01), formerly with Imani Sports, LLC, in Minnetonka, has started his own sports agency, MVP Sports Group, LLC, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jim is also an Adjunct Professor who teaches sports law at Hamline University.