

Sports Law Alumni News

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Annual Golf Outing

On October 1, 2005, the Marquette University Law School Sports Law Society and the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Alumni Association hosted the second annual Fall Sports Law Golf Classic at Scenic View Country Club. This year almost 100 students, faculty and alums participated. Thank you to the following individuals and groups who helped support the outing by donating money and prizes:

Paul Anderson (L'95)
Schuyler Baehman (L'00)
Friebert, Finerty & St. John, S.C. (Brian Randall, L'99)
Green Bay Packers (Jason Wied, L'99)
Mike Marcil (L'85), Sunshine State Conference
Craig Pintens, Marquette University Athletics (L'01)
Kathryn Statz (L'00)
James Sullivan (L'01), MVP Sports Group
Turner Sports & PGA.com (Greg Heller, L'96)
Westlaw (Susan Spoerk, L'91)

Overall, through donations and registration fees we were able to raise \$1000 for the Marquette University Law School Sports Law Scholarship fund. Thank you to all of you who were able to participate.



From left to right: John Hotvedt, Scott Schmidlkofer, Jim Sullivan and Craig Pintens, all from the Class of 2001.

Alums in New Positions

Robb Arent (L'96), formerly a Senior Sport Finance Consultant for The Leib Group, LLC, is now with RSM McGladrey in New York City.

Heather Cain (L'00), has joined Godfrey & Kahn, SC, in Milwaukee.

Tony Canedo (L'96), has been named Head Coach for Men's and Women's Tennis for the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He also has opened J. Anthony Canedo, SC, in Milwaukee.

Eryn Doherty (L'00), formerly with the National Labor Relations Board, First Region, in Boston, is now Senior Counsel, Labor Relations, for Fox Entertainment Group, Inc., in Los Angeles, California.

Dan Foutz (L'04), formerly the General Manager of the San Diego Riptide, has joined the Everett Hawks in Everett, Washington as President/GM.

Greg Gill, Jr. (L'02), has joined Gill & Gill, SC, in Appleton, Wisconsin.

April Haverty (L'99), has joined the grants and contracts office of the Medical College of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Kate Jett (SMU'04), formerly an Associate with Baker Botts LLP in Coppell, Texas, is now Associate Legal Counsel for the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars in Arlington.

Scott McDonald (L'03), is the Director of Compliance at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Keith Miller (L'01), formerly the Director of Compliance at the University of Southern California, is joining Baylor University as Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance.

Kristin Muenzen (L'03), formerly a Law Clerk with the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C., will soon join the Department of Justice as a trial attorney.

Niki Sollinger (L'03), was promoted to Staff Attorney at Octagon in McLean, Virginia.

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Sports Law Alumni Association Member Profiles

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While at Marquette, Niki was the Vice-President of the Sports Law Society, a member of the Sports Law Moot Court team as a brief writer and coach, and a two-year member of the *Marquette Sports Law Review*. She interned at the Miller Brewing Company in the fall of 2001, and spent the following summer as a legal intern at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She received her B.S. in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999.

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

Dino Antonopoulos (L'05), is an attorney with Anderson & Kramer, S.C. in Delafield, Wisconsin.

Genyne Edwards (L'00), the former Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, is now the President of Edwards Ingenuity, LLC, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Martin Greenberg (L'71), is a Managing Member, with ScheerGame Sports Development, LLC, partner, with Greenberg & Hoeschen, LLC, and Chair of the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lynn Martinec (L'99), is the Director of Business Affairs, for the Indy Racing League in Indianapolis, Indiana.

John Miller (L'95), is a Vice President of Business Development, for Roush Racing in Concord, North Carolina.

Attorney Makes His Move to Copyright Sports Celebrations

On November 6, 2005, Sports Law Alumni Association member Henry Abromson, who earned his JD, the NSLI's Sports Law Certificate, and an MBA in Sports Business from Marquette University, became the first to seek copyright protection for a sports celebration move. Peter Stine, a long distance runner from Baltimore, Maryland, choreographed the celebration move entitled, "PS: I 1." This is assuming, of course, that sports celebration moves are copyrightable.

Athletes who already have sports celebration moves or who are interested in creating moves should be very interested in the outcome of this copyright question. The answer will come in approximately four months when Abromson will receive word from the United States Copyright Office informing him as to whether his move is copyrightable. While copyright protection will not determine whether an athlete will be successful in creating marketplace value in his move, copyright protection will ensure that any value that is created in the move is protected.

A more thorough analysis of Abromson's sports celebration move project can be found in the latest issue of **For The Record: The Official Newsletter of the National Sports Law Institute** and on Hank's website, www.AbromsonOnSportsLaw.com.