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Groundbreaking for Eckstein Hall

More than 800 people joined Marquette President Robert A. Wild, S.J., and Law School Dean Joseph D. Kearney on May 22, 2008 to break ground on Eckstein Hall, the future home of Marquette University Law School. Ray Eckstein, who together with his wife, Kay, donated \$51 million to the project, and Joseph Zilber, who contributed \$30 million to the Law School, were also present for the celebration. Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson of the

Wisconsin Supreme Court, Chief Judge Frank H. Easterbrook of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Natalie A. Black, an alumna of the Law School who is a Marquette trustee and senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Kohler Co., also gave remarks. Rev. James Flaherty, S.J., rector of the Jesuit Community, provided a blessing for the construction site, and University Architect Tom Ganey commenced the digging. The 200,000 square foot building is expected to open in fall 2010. To keep informed of recent developments related to Eckstein Hall visit <http://law.marquette.edu/building/>. To learn how you can participate in the Eckstein Hall project, go to law.marquette.edu or contact John Novotny, john.novotny@marquette.edu (414.288.5265) or Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, christine.wv@marquette.edu.



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Travis Burau is a Senior Subcontracts Manager in the Software and Intellectual Property department at Rockwell Collins Inc., in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Travis drafts, negotiates, and manages software license agreements for a \$4 billion (annual sales) communication and aviation electronics company. In addition, he functions as an advisor to business units regarding tasks, projects, and operations. Prior to joining Rockwell, Travis served as General Counsel for Thurner Industries in Milwaukee.

Travis received a B.A. from the University of Iowa and his J.D. from Marquette University Law School in 2003. At Marquette he earned the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Certificate and was vice-president of the Sports Law Society. He participated in several sports related internships while at Marquette, including InterSport, Southwest Sports Group, and the Milwaukee Brewers.

Travis is licensed to practice by the State Bar of Wisconsin, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the Federal Court of Claims.

Kerri Cebula is completing her first year as the Compliance Coordinator for the University of Delaware's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Services. She is responsible for all aspects of compliance for the Fightin' Blue Hens twenty-three intercollegiate sports, including initial and continuing eligibility, financial aid, recruiting, rules interpretations, and rules

education. Prior to attending law school, she spent three years in the Athletics Compliance Office at Villanova University, serving first as the Compliance Intern and then as Assistant Compliance Coordinator.

Kerri earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Justice from American University in 2000 and her law degree from Marquette University Law School in 2006. While at Marquette, she served on the *Marquette Sports Law Review* and received the Certificate in Sports Law from the National Sports Law Institute. She is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the American Bar Association's Forum on Sports and Entertainment Law. An active member of Phi Mu Fraternity while an undergraduate, she continues to serve as an alumna, most recently serving as Chapter Adviser for the Gamma Gamma Chapter.

Kristina V. Giddings is an Associate with the Kansas City, Missouri based law firm of Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP. As a member of Spencer Fane's Education and School Law Group, she concentrates her practice in the areas of Education, Intercollegiate Sports and Special Education. She is experienced in representing public school districts, private or specialized schools and other education-related organizations and associations with issues such as teacher tenure and termination, student discipline, students' rights, special education, athletics eligibility, contract negotiation, policy development, administrative compliance, complaint investigations and various personnel matters. Kristi also provides training and in-service assistance to paraprofessionals, teachers and administrators.

Additionally, Kristi provides counsel in the development and implementation of policies governing sports-related teams, associations and bodies. She defends all types of claims, including contract disputes, eligibility claims, discipline decisions, drug testing, tort or constitutional claims, and enforcement issues asserted by athletes or institutions seeking to compete in officially sanctioned contests.

Kristi received her bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science from the University of North Carolina and her J.D. from Marquette University Law School, where she was a member of the *Marquette Sports Law Review* and earned the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Certificate. Prior to joining Spencer Fane, Kristi was an Intern for the Honorable John L. Coffey, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked both as an intern in the Miller Brewing Company Legal Department Sports Marketing Group and as an extern at the NIKE Legal Department Sports Marketing Group.

Kristi is admitted to practice law in Missouri and the Western District of Missouri and is a member of the Council of School Attorneys, Sports Lawyers Association, and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

Kate Jett serves as associate counsel for the Texas Rangers MLB club and Dallas Stars NHL club, both under the Hicks Sports Group ownership group. In that capacity, she negotiates and drafts sponsorship, marketing and employment contracts and assists in managing the clubs' litigation. Kate earned her B.B.A. *magna cum laude* from Texas A&M University in 1998, M.B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame in 2000 and J.D. *magna cum laude* from Southern Methodist University in 2004, where she also attended Marquette University Law School and earned the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Certificate. Prior to joining Hicks Sports Group, she practiced in the litigation department of Baker Botts L.L.P. in Dallas, Texas and was a financial and tax planner at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Robert "Eli" W. Kiefaber is an attorney with Faruki Ireland & Cox P.L.L. in Dayton, Ohio. Eli's areas of practice are breach of contract disputes, environmental litigation, class action defense, employment disputes, and privacy litigation. He also has experience with intellectual property litigation, including patent infringement and trade secret protection, noncompete agreements, unfair competition, and false advertising. Eli has represented publicly traded corporations and privately held companies across the nation in a variety of matters. His trial experience includes numerous civil hearings, mediations, and the successful pro bono defense of an individual charged with murder.

Eli did his undergraduate work at Kenyon College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1999. He graduated cum laude from Marquette University Law School in 2002. While at Marquette University Law School he served as Executive Editor of the *Marquette Sports Law Review*.

Eli has written several articles and taught seminars involving civil litigation and data privacy. He has written "A Call for Action: Federal Anti-Pretexting Law Needed," *Mealey's Privacy Reporter*, Vol. 3, No. 4, October 2006 (co-authored with Brian D. Wright) and "An Overview of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994," *Mealey's Privacy Reporter*, Vol. 3, No.

1, July 2006 (co-authored with John A. Fischer). Eli also presented at seminars relating to civil litigation on a variety of topics, including depositions and the attorney-client privilege.

Eli has an active pro bono practice and regularly works with the Dayton Volunteer Lawyer's Project representing indigent clients in civil disputes. He also has been a participant in the firm's Public Defender Externship, where he tried several felony cases to juries. He continues to accept criminal appointments and also has successfully argued cases before the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Second Appellate District.

Eli is an active leader in both the Carl D. Kessler Inn of Court and the Dayton Bar Association, currently serving as a Team Captain and Chair of several committees. He also is active in the local community and is a Trustee of the Centerville Education Foundation, a Board member of Aullwood Audubon Center & Farm, a member of the Associate Board of the Dayton Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a 2008 graduate of Leadership Dayton, a program of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Todd Krumholz is a Manager at Genesco Sports Enterprises, a corporate sports marketing firm in Dallas, TX. He works with clients, including Pepsi, Coors, Sirius, Campbell's, 7-Eleven, Frito Lay, and Motorola, in developing sports marketing strategies that drive the respective client's business. Todd spends some his time working with Genesco's clients, arranging for athletes, current and retired, to participate in various programs and campaigns. He reviews contracts internally as well as researching any new issues that come up while activating the clients' sponsorships.

Todd has also been working with new business opportunities as well as planning ahead for the North Texas Super Bowl in 2011.

Todd received a B.B.A. in finance from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas, and a J.D. from Marquette University. He earned a Certificate in Sports Law, was active in the Sports Law Society, and served on the *Marquette Sports Law Review*.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

TOPIC: Professional Sports: Current Issues and Their Future Implications

DATE: Friday, October 24, 2008

LOCATION: Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

COST: All alums are entitled to a discounted conference registration fee.



ANNUAL FALL SPORTS LAW GOLF CLASSIC

DATE: Saturday, September 27, 2008

LOCATION: Scenic View Country Club in Slinger, Wisconsin.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose of the Sports Law Alumni Association's sponsorship of the golf outing is to raise funds for the Marquette University Law School Sports Law Scholarship fund. All proceeds will be contributed to this fund.

FURTHER DETAILS: Further details for both events will be available online and invitations will be sent to all members of the Sports Law Alumni Association in August