

# Sports Law Alumni News

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**2009 CHARLES W. MENTKOWSKI SPORTS LAW  
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER  
KRISTI SCHOEPFER**

The 2009 recipient of the Charles W. Mentkowski Sports Law Alumnus of the Year Award is Kristi Schoepfer. The Mentkowski Award is given annually to the alum who best exemplifies the following characteristics: dedication to the Sports Law program at Marquette University Law School while a student; contributions to the Sports Law Alumni Association and the field of sports law in general; and support of the NSLI and Sports Law program.

Kristi L. Schoepfer is an Assistant Professor, and the Director of Sport Management, at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. At Winthrop, Schoepfer is responsible for teaching the Sport Law curriculum at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Prior to joining the Winthrop faculty, Schoepfer was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside from

2001-2006. While at Parkside, Schoepfer established the UW-Parkside Internship for the National Sports Law Institute's volunteer internship program.

Kristi graduated *cum laude* with her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from the University of Dayton in 1998. She received her juris doctorate and sport law certificate from Marquette University Law School in May of 2001. While at Marquette, Kristi was highly active in the sport law program. Most notably, she was the editor-in-chief of the *Marquette Sports Law Review* in 2001.

After graduation from Marquette Law School, Kristi remained active in the field by serving as vice chair as well as secretary of the Wisconsin State Bar Association Sport and Entertainment Law Section. She also served as both president and director of programming for the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Alumni Association. Further, Schoepfer has published sport law articles, and continues to deliver national and regional level presentations on various sport law topics. She is a currently a member of the Sports Law Alumni Association, the Sport and Recreation Lawyers Association, and the National Intramural and Recreational Sport Association.

## **ANNUAL SPORTS LAW AWARDS BANQUET**

Kristi will receive the Mentkowski Award during the NSLI's Annual Sports Law Awards Banquet on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel. All alums are invited to attend to support the many students who will be recognized at the dinner, and to congratulate Kristi, our 2009 Sports Law Alumnus of the Year.

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**THE NATIONAL SPORTS LAW  
INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**

As the National Sports Law Institute enters its 20th year of existence we continue to acknowledge the contributions of the many alumni who have supported the Institute and the Sports Law Program at Marquette University Law School.

Our Sports Law Alumni Association is currently 145 members strong. As the NSLI enters its 20th year we will create a mentoring program for our students to put them in touch with our alums. Our first step will be to create a message board that our students can access to communicate directly with our alums. Thank you to all of you who said that you would be interested in helping with these efforts.

In our recent survey of alums we also asked for your support in putting together Student/Alumni lunches and the Annual Sports Law Alumni Career Panel. Thank you to those of you who expressed an interest in participating in both events. Brad Hoeschen and Nick DeSiato recently joined us for our spring 2009 Student/Alumni Networking lunch and Jenni Spies, Mike Sneathern, Shawn Eichorst and Bill Miller will join us for our 12th Annual Alumni Career Panel on March 26, 2009. We look forward to getting the rest of you involved in these events in the future.

Finally, what follows is a complete list of the current members of the Sports Law Alumni

Association. If you notice anything that is incorrect or know of someone who would like to join our organization please contact Paul Anderson ([paul.anderson@mu.edu](mailto:paul.anderson@mu.edu)).

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