2015 University of Florida Levin College of Law
Sports Law Symposium

Ethical and Legal Decision-Making in the Sports Industry

Friday, March 27, 2015
9:00am – 5:00pm
Schedule of Events

+ 8:30-9:00 – Registration (:30)

+ 9:00-9:10 – Opening Remarks (:10)

+ **Opening Address – Rand Getlin (:35)**
  + 9:10-9:15 – Speaker Introduction
  + 9:15-9:40 – Speaker Remarks
  + 9:40-9:50 – Speaker Q&A

+ 9:50-10:00 – Break (:10)

+ **Panel 1 – General Counsel (1:05)**
  + 10:00-10:05 – Panel 1 Introduction
  + 10:05-10:50 – Panel 1
  + 10:50-11:05 – Panel 1 Q&A

+ 11:05-11:15 – Break (:10)

+ **Panel 2 – Amateurism & NCAA Compliance (1:05)**
  + 11:15-11:20 – Panel 2 Introduction
  + 11:20-12:05 – Panel 2
  + 12:05-12:20 – Panel 2 Q & A

+ 12:20-1:20 – Lunch (1:00)

+ **Keynote – Erik Burkhardt (1:05)**
  + 1:20-1:25 – Keynote Introduction
  + 1:25-2:10 – Keynote
  + 2:10-2:25 – Keynote Q&A

  + 2:25-2:35 – Break (:10)

+ **Panel 3 – Sports Representation (1:05)**
  + 2:35-2:40 – Panel 3 Introduction
  + 2:40-3:25 – Panel 3
  + 3:25-3:40 – Panel 3 Q&A

  + 3:40-3:50 – Break (:10)

+ **Panel 4 – Sports Gambling & Fantasy Sports (1:05)**
  + 3:50-3:55 – Panel 4 Introductions
  + 3:55-4:40 – Panel 4
  + 4:40-4:55 – Panel 4 Q&A

+ 4:55-5:00 – Closing Remarks (:05)
2015 Sports Law Symposium Chairman

Experience:
- General Counsel Law Clerk, The Kraft Group LLC
- General Counsel Extern, University of Florida General Counsel
- Judicial Intern, U.S. District Court, M.D. Florida
- President, UF Law Entertainment and Sports Law Society (2012-2014)
- Editor, Journal for Law and Public Policy
- Secretary, Florida Sports Law Association (Tampa, Miami)

Education:
- J.D. Candidate, University of Florida, 2015
- B.S./B.A., Finance and Business Management, University of New Hampshire, 2012

Josh Corriveau
Keynote Speaker

- National Football League Players Association Certified Agent at Select Sports Group, LLC (www.ssgfootball.com)
  - Erik represents some of the top NFL players, including Johnny Manziel, Andy Dalton, Jordy Nelson, T.Y. Hilton, Jerod Mayo, Danny Amendola, and Datone Jones.
  - Select Sports Group has been named the 10th most valuable sports agency by FORBES with an estimated $340.14 million in contracts under management.
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- Education
  - St. Thomas Law School, J.D.
  - Texas Tech University, Bachelor’s Degree
Opening Speaker

NFL Insider at Yahoo! Sports in Los Angeles, CA
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Education
- J.D., University of Southern California Law School, 2009
- B.A., University of Oregon, 2006

Rand Getlin, Esq.
Panel 1: General Counsel

Main Topic: Ethical and Legal Decision-Making in a General Counsel Role

+ Speakers:
  + **Moderator: Justin Moore**, Founder, CEO, President of Florida Sports Law Association, Attorney at Schutts and Bowen [Tampa, FL]
  + **Ana-Klara Anderson**, Associate Counsel for NBC Universal / Golf Channel [Orlando, FL]
  + **Nyea Sturman**, General Counsel at Orlando Magic [Orlando, FL]
  + **Zachary Daniel**, Corporate Counsel at NASCAR, Inc. [Daytona Beach, FL]
  + **Robert Fountain**, Associate Counsel for Minor League Baseball [St. Petersburg, FL]
General Counsel
Moderator

+ Founder, CEO, President of Tampa Chapter, Florida Sports Law Association
+ Associate Attorney, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Tampa, FL
  + Justin is a member of the Real Estate and Litigation Practice Groups in Shutts & Bowen's Tampa office and a member of the Sports and Entertainment Industry Team. Justin practices in the following areas: real estate transactions, property acquisition and development, commercial leasing, gas/oil/mineral rights, and general real estate matters.
  + Justin also has commercial litigation experience representing businesses and individuals in complex business disputes of various types, with a concentration in real estate, construction and employment matters. Justin is the co-founder and CEO of the Florida Sports Law Association and has a growing sports law practice. Mr. Moore is also a youth football coach in the Tampa Bay Area.

+ Other Experience
  + Associate Attorney, Foley & Lardner LLP
  + Pilot, United States Air Force

+ Education
  + University of Florida, J.D. (2010)
General Counsel

Associate Counsel, Golf Channel (Orlando, FL)

Ana-Klara is an attorney for the NBC Sports Group and associate counsel of Golf Channel in Orlando where she is responsible for negotiating and drafting talent, programming and sponsorship deals, as well as providing counsel on a variety of employment, regulatory and contracting issues.

Ana-Klara also is responsible for protecting Golf Channel’s trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property, and overseeing the network’s licensing and use of intellectual property from third parties.

Before joining NBCUniversal, she was in private practice with Thomas & LoCicero, where she litigated a variety of matters in state and federal court, including First Amendment, commercial and contract disputes. She also provided pre-publication guidance to a variety of media clients, ranging from national publications and major-market broadcast stations to independent bloggers.

Ana-Klara was selected for the past three consecutive years as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers in the Media and Business Litigation categories.

Education

Ph.D., University of Florida, Media Law and Policy, 2009
J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2009
M.A., University of Florida, Communications, Media Law and Policy, 2006
General Counsel

General Counsel, Orlando Magic (Orlando, FL)
- Nyea is in her tenth season with the Orlando Magic and was named general counsel in April of 2014. Prior to this role, she spent almost two years as the assistant director of legal services and seven years in the Magic’s corporate partnerships department, most recently as the partnership business manager, focusing on operational efficiency, strategic planning, financial analysis, budgeting, market research, contract negotiation, sweepstakes compliance and inventory management.
- Nyea completed internships with the National Football League, Milwaukee Bucks and the Pettit National Ice Center.
- Nyea also served as the executive editor of the Marquette Sports Law Review and the president of the Sports Law Society while attending law school.
- Nyea is admitted to practice in Florida, New York and Wisconsin, and is a member of the Sports Lawyers Association (SLA), the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and serves on the Advisory Board for the National Sports Law Institute and the Board of Directors for The Gift of Swimming.

Other Experience
- Assistant Director of Legal Services, Orlando Magic
- Partnership Business Manager, Orlando Magic

Education
- MBA, University of Oregon, Charles H. Lunquist College of Business, 2005
- J.D., Marquette University Law School, 2003
- B.S., Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, 2000

Nyea Sturman, Esq., MBA
General Counsel

+ Corporate Counsel, NASCAR, Inc. (Daytona Beach, FL)
  + Zach Daniel serves as Corporate Counsel for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) in Daytona Beach, Florida. Zach assists in the day-to-day contract review and handling of various legal matters for NASCAR and its affiliated companies, focusing on racing operations, competition and general corporate administration. Zach received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, each with cum laude honors.
  + Prior to joining NASCAR in 2012, Zach served in private practice for a small law firm in Miami, Florida, handling defense litigation on behalf of various homeowners insurance corporations and Florida government agencies. Zach currently resides in Lake Mary, Florida with his wife and newborn daughter.

+ Other Experience
  + Associate Attorney, James M. Fishman, P.A. (Insurance Defense Litigation)

+ Education
  + J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2011
  + B.A., Criminology/Business Administration, University of Florida, 2004
General Counsel

Associate Counsel, Minor League Baseball (St. Petersburg, FL)

Robert serves as Associate Counsel in the Legal Department. Robert provides legal support to all facets of Minor League baseball with an emphasis on trademarks, corporate governance and intellectual property. Robert works closely with the President on research, including projects related to governmental affairs.

He also works closely with Virginia State University and on other projects related to Minor League Baseball's Diversity Initiative. Robert supports the Board of Trustees and Council of League Presidents by drafting agenda, notes, minutes, and resolutions.

Robert drafted the 2014 annual State of MiLB Report. Robert has drafted memoranda on various issues (National Association governance, territorial rights, facility compliance, etc.) for use by the National Association President and General Counsel.

In addition, Robert reviews all broadcast and telecast agreements to ensure their compliance with Minor League Baseball governing documents and focuses his time researching territorial issues and potential markets for Minor League Baseball clubs.

Robert, a member of the Florida Bar, joined the Minor League Baseball staff as an intern in August 2010 and was promoted to a full-time position as Special Assistant to the President, Legal Affairs, in January 2012.

Education

- J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 2012
- B.A., Political Science, Brigham Young University, 2009

Robert Fountain, Esq.
Panel 2: Amateurism and NCAA Compliance

Main Topic:
Ethical and Legal Decision-Making in NCAA Compliance

Speakers:
- **Moderator: Gabriel Feldman**, Professor at Tulane University [New Orleans, LA]
- **Sathya Gosselin**, Lead trial attorney for Plaintiffs in landmark *O’Bannon v. NCAA* lawsuit, Partner at Hausfeld [Washington, D.C.]
- **Lynda Tealer**, Executive UF Associate Athletic Director [Gainesville, FL]
- **David Hansen**, Senior Associate Athletics Director at UCF [Orlando, FL]
- **Jim Curry**, Associate Athletics Director at FSU [Tallahassee, FL]
Amateurism and NCAA Compliance
Moderator

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Other Experience
- Legal Analyst, NFL Network

Education
- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1999
- Masters Social Psychology, Duke University School of Law, 1999
**Amateurism and NCAA Compliance**

- **Partner, Hausfeld LLP (District of Columbia)**
  - Sathya served as trial counsel in the landmark *O’Bannon v. NCAA* litigation, in which he examined and cross-examined witnesses at trial, deposed key NCAA executives, briefed complex constitutional issues advanced by the NCAA and television networks, and helped negotiate a $40 million settlement with Electronic Arts, Inc., to be distributed among current and former college athletes. At the conclusion of a three-week bench trial, the Court determined that the NCAA had violated the antitrust laws and issued a permanent injunction as requested by the plaintiffs.
  - Sathya advises Fortune 500 businesses, athletes, entertainers, and individuals on antitrust, sports and entertainment, and commercial litigation matters.

- **Other Experience**
  - Staff Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

- **Education**
  - J.D., Cornell Law School, 2007
  - B.A., Religion, Vassar College, 1999
Amateurism and NCAA Compliance

**Executive Associate Athletic Director, University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)**

Lynda oversees the UF women’s athletics program, as well as the sports health, information & technology and human resources departments, while supervising the women’s basketball, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball and volleyball programs.

Lynda headed the committee that explored adding a 21st varsity sport to the Gator program. That program, now in its fourth season of NCAA competition, just claimed its third consecutive American Lacrosse Conference (ALC) title and advanced to NCAA play for the third consecutive season.

Lynda came to the UAA from the Southland Conference, where she was an Associate Commissioner since April of 2000. During her tenure in Frisco, Texas, Lynda served as the conference’s senior woman administrator and oversaw the league’s regular season and championship competitions. She also assisted with administrative operations in addition to serving as a liaison for the coaches, championships and senior woman administrators committees.

**Other Experience**

- Associate Commissioner, Southland Conference
- Assistant Athletic Director, Santa Clara University

**Education**

- J.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 1995
- B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1992

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Lynda Tealer, Esq.
Amateurism and NCAA Compliance

David Hansen
UF ‘92

Senior Associate Athletics Director, Internal Operations, University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)

- David Hansen joined UCF as senior associate athletics director for internal operations in June 2006. Hansen's primary duties include overseeing facility development and home event operations, while administering the Knights' football, men's basketball and baseball programs.

- Directs the Athletics facility master planning process and serves on UCF's Master Planning Committee. Since 2006, UCF Athletics has completed building projects totaling over $63 million. The Athletics Facility Plan calls for another $12.6 million in construction during the next 12 months.

- Negotiated agreement with Gaelic Athletic Association and coordinated operational efforts for 2014 football game vs. Penn State at Croke Park in Dublin, Ireland.

- Directed and developed a comprehensive operational plan in support of on-campus Football at UCF, including the construction of Bright House Networks Stadium – which culminated with UCF's first on-campus contest vs. the University of Texas on September 15, 2007.

Other Experience

- Deputy Director of Athletics, University of Southern Mississippi
- Senior Associate Athletics Director, University of Southern Mississippi
- Assistant Athletics Director, University of Louisiana
- Assistant Athletics Equipment Manager, University of Florida

Education

- B.S., Telecommunication, University of Florida, 1992
Amateurism and NCAA Compliance

+ **Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)**

+ **Other Experience**
  + Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, Florida State University
  + Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, University of Maryland
  + Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, Coastal Carolina University
  + Director of Compliance, Coastal Carolina University

+ **Education**
  + M.S., Sports Management, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007
  + B.A., Political Science, Dickinson College, 2003
Panel 3: Sports Representation

Main Topic:
Ethical and Legal Decision-Making in Representing Athletes and Entertainers

Speakers:
- **Moderator: Cory Dorfman**, CAA Sports Coaching Division [Gainesville, FL]
- **Erik Burkhardt**, NFL Agent for Select Sports Group [Dallas, TX]
- **Darren Heitner**, Heitner Legal and NBA agent [Miami, FL]
- **Rand Getlin**, Yahoo Sports NFL Investigative Reporter [Los Angeles, CA]
Sports Representation
Moderator

- Coaches, Front Office, and Sports Broadcasters Division, Creative Artists Agency (CAA)
- Other Experience
  - Football Operations, Octagon
  - Player Personnel Assistant, Tulane University
  - Marketing, DEC Management
- Education
  - M.S., Sports Industry Management, Georgetown University, 2013
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Sports Representation

Founder and Managing Attorney, HEITNER LEGAL (Miami, FL)

Other Experience

Darren Heitner is licensed to practice on the state and federal level, and focuses on sports, entertainment, intellectual property and commercial litigation and transactional work. In addition to his handling of complex transactional and commercial litigation matters.

Darren has a wealth of experience in the world of sports business as Founder/CEO of Dynasty Dealings, LLC, Co-Founder of Collegiate Sports Advisors (CSA), Contributor at Forbes Magazine, and Founder/Chief Editor of Sports Agent Blog, a leading niche industry publication.

Darren is the author of many literary works that have significantly impacted the entertainment, sports and legal fields. Some titles include but are not limited to: “How to Play the Game: What Every Sports Attorney Needs to Know”, An Athlete’s Guide to Agents, 5th Edition”, Duties of Sports Agents to Athletes and Statutory Regulation Thereof, The Plight of PASPA: It’s Time to Pull the Plug on the Prohibition, Corking the Cam Newton Loophole, a Sweeping Suggestion, You May Not “Like” This Title: Everything Stored On Facebook Is Discoverable, Football v. Football: A Comparison of Agent Regulation in France’s Ligue 1 and the National Football League, Score a Touchdown, Kiss Your Tattoo, and Get Sued for Copyright Infringement?

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Panel 4: Sports Gambling and Fantasy Sports

Main Topic:
Ethical and Legal Decision-Making in the Sports Gambling and Fantasy Sports Industries

Speakers:
- **Moderator: Darren Heitner**, HEITNER LEGAL [Miami, FL]
- **Gabriel Feldman**, Professor of Law at Tulane Law School [New Orleans, LA]
- **Ryan Rodenberg**, Assistant Professor of Forensic Sports Law Analytics, Florida State University Professor [Tallahassee, FL]
- **Daniel Wallach**, Shareholder and Attorney at Becker and Poliaco [Ft. Lauderdale, FL]
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Moderator

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Sports Gambling and Fantasy Sports

Assistant Professor of Forensic Sports Law Analytics, Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)

Attorney, Florida State University

Other Experience

Ryan is the Founder and Contributor of www.sportslawprofessor.com.

Ryan is an assistant professor of forensic sports law analytics at Florida State University.

Prior to academia, he worked as an associate attorney at Keller Rohrback LLP, associate general counsel at Octagon, and legal intern at Nike and ATP Tour.


In 2014, he co-wrote and filed a US Supreme Court amicus brief in the ongoing New Jersey sports wagering litigation. This year, he is editing a special issue of the Journal of Sports Analytics devoted to legal issues.

Ryan earned a JD from University of Washington-Seattle and PhD from Indiana University-Bloomington. He played varsity tennis at Creighton University and double majored in economics and finance. He is a Pacific Northwest native.

Education

Ph.D, Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Sport Management, 2009

Ph.D, University of Washington: Law, 2000

BS, Creighton University, 1997
Sports Gambling and Fantasy Sports

Shareholder and Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

+ Daniel is Board Certified in Appellate Practice by The Florida Bar, and is AV-Rated (the highest level attainable) by Martindale-Hubbell.
+ Daniel is also recognized for his expertise in gaming law, and represents racetracks, casino operators, racinos, and poker rooms in gaming-related matters. He is intimately familiar with all aspects of Florida’s gaming laws, and, in particular, the laws and rules governing pari-mutuel wagering, simulcast and intertrack wagering, slot machines, poker, and fantasy sports leagues. He has advised several professional sports franchises on fantasy sports legal issues.
+ Daniel has been described as a “gaming law guru” by Michael McCann, the legal analyst for Sports Illustrated and SI.com, and is frequently quoted by GamblingCompliance on U.S. gaming law issues. He has written extensively about New Jersey’s efforts to legalize sports wagering, and his commentary on that subject has appeared in Sports Illustrated, ESPN.com, USA Today, the Newark Star-Ledger, The Bergen Record and the Asbury Park Press.
+ Daniel has also emerged as a frequent media commentator on sports law issues. He was quoted in several recent Sports Illustrated articles about the Donald Sterling controversy and the sexual assault allegations against Jameis Winston, and has been interviewed by radio stations and news outlets throughout North America on a wide variety of sports law issues, including the Sterling controversy, the FCC’s elimination of its sports blackout rules, the legal challenges to the federal ban on state-regulated sports wagering, the Steve Moore-Todd Bertuzzi civil lawsuit, and the NFL’s new domestic violence policy and how it impacts the status of Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson.
+ Prior to joining Becker & Poliakoff, Daniel gained trial experience while part of a prominent New York litigation boutique, working for clients including Donald Trump, Bob Arum, and former world boxing champion Julio Cesar Chavez.

Other Experience
+ Attorney, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
+ Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Jacob Mishler, Former Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Education
+ J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1991

Daniel Wallach, Esq.