

PREFACE

Sports law, a relatively new discipline, is a hodgepodge of already established, clearly defined legal areas, such as contracts, torts, labor law, antitrust, tax, financial planning, and constitutional law. How does one make coherent this somewhat shapeless batch of legal principles, joined together solely by their relationship to a sporting event that then triggers a specific legal discussion? I look at it from the perspective of the hypothetical sports law practitioner, who usually needs general guidance in *all* areas that can be arguably called "sports law." Thus, I have sought to write a true survey of sports law that weaves the disparate principles into an integrated whole.

To that end, in addition to the major cases, this book provides excerpts from real-world documents, including contracts, collective bargaining agreements, waivers, and statutes, within the discussion of the appropriate topics. Questions and Discussion sections also help tie together the material and motivate students to analyze it. This is the second edition; it will cover the important recent cases, including

Clarett v. NFL

Brady v. NFL

Miami Dolphins v. Williams

American Needle v. New Orleans Saints

MLB v. Crist

Obannon v. NCAA

Coomer v. Kansas City Royals Baseball Corp.

In re NCAA Student Athlete Name and Likeness Litigation

Price v. Time, Inc.

White v. NFL (Michael Vick)

Price v. Univ. of Ala.

U.S. v. Bonds

Jackson v. Birmingham Bd. of Educ.

Pistorius v. IAAF

Phillips v. Selig, and Chicago Bear

Football Club v. Haynes

This overview of sports law introduces future practitioners to the various legal concepts and documents that they will encounter in their professional careers as NCAA Compliance Officers, agents, professionals, personal injury attorneys, athletic directors, and sports administrators. I hope that students will find it useful—even after the course—as a guide to the applicable law that tracks sports.

I'm also the author of *Sports Law in a Nutshell*, *Fundamentals of Sports Law*, *Gaming Law in a Nutshell*, *Sports Ethics for the Sports Professional*, and *Intellectual Property Law in the Sports and Entertainment Industries*. Please contact me at wchampion@tmslaw.tsu.edu if I can assist you in your sports law journey.

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