



Sports & Entertainment Law

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Textbook: Sports Law and Player Representation, by Holly Vietzke and Frank Catapano, available in TWEN.

Grading: Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned pages and ready to discuss them. Throughout the course of the semester, we will have guest speakers. Students are to give their full, undivided attention to these speakers; this means no laptops should be open, and no cell phones should be visible when speakers are present. The course will consist of three components to the final grade: 1. **Professionalism** - which includes: attendance, participation, quizzes, conduct, and interactions with professors, classmates, and guest speakers - will account for 20% of your final grade; 2. A **30 Minute Class Presentation**, for 30%; and 3. **The Research Paper**, which will be worth 50%.

TWEN: Sports & Entertainment Law (we will add you to the class on TWEN after Registration and prior to Orientation).

Week 1

High School Athletics: Eligibility

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 3-51

Week 2

High School Athletics (cont'd): Eligibility, Title IX

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 52-109

Week 3

High School Athletics (cont'd): Drug Testing
Intercollegiate Athletics: Eligibility, Title IX

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 109-159

Week 4

Intercollegiate Athletics (cont'd): Title IX

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 142- 225

Week 5

Intercollegiate Athletics (cont'd): University Liability Issues
Coaching Contracts and Olympic Athletics

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 226-275

Week 6

Player Representation: Agency
Players' Associations and Collective Bargaining Agreements

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 276-332

Week 7

Contracts
League Issues: Antitrust and Anticompetitive Behavior

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 333-426

Week 8

League Issues: Health & Disability Issues & Criminal Liability

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 427-462

Week 9

High School/Collegiate Sports Debate

Students will be put into small groups and argue their assigned position.

Class will be broken up into 3 discussion/debate sections:

1. Equal Protection Clause Cases
2. Name/Image/Likeness and Compensating Student Athletes
3. Conference/League and Player Association Dynamics

Week 10

Tort Liability

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 462-512

Week 11

Intellectual Property

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 513-561

Week 12

Intellectual Property (cont'd)

ASSIGNMENT: Read pp 561-591

Week 13

The Agency/Representation Business

Week 14

Entertainment/Digital

See TWEN for Assigned Cases and Guest Speaker information

Week 15

Exclusive Rights/Digital

See TWEN for Assigned Cases and Guest Speaker information