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EDITOR'S NOTE

Justin Campbell

Approximately 14 months ago, a small group of students at the University of Mississippi School of Law set out to create a new law review. The new law review would be an additional outlet for the law school's talented students to sharpen their skills in writing and editing. The idea was to bring sports law to the forefront of the legal discourse on campus. We worked feverishly to achieve our early goals and pitch our idea to the administration, which they accepted enthusiastically.

This new law review will be beneficial to our law school in a variety of ways. As noted above, this review offers an additional outlet for students to learn and practice the writing and editing process. The REVIEW will bring more notoriety to an already exceptional law school and will be a tool to help the University of Mississippi School of Law attract the best and brightest to its university, both in the form of students and presenters.

As the only sports law review in the Southeastern Conference, we strive to be the authority on issues in sports law in the South. We intend for the University of Mississippi School of Law to become the preeminent source for the most relevant and innovative scholarship in this area. Along with online and print publications, our fall on-campus symposium was the first step in achieving that goal and it was a great success. Our auditorium was full to hear these esteemed professors present the articles in this issue.

The support that we received from the law school administration and its visionary leader, Dean Richard

Gershon, enabled us to quickly create an excellent publication and continue to further the vision we have for this law review. We are also very grateful to the various authors, scholars, alumni and fellow students who have offered great advice and participated in various ways towards the success of this publication. The REVIEW is also very grateful for the outstanding leadership of our faculty advisor, Professor William W. Berry III. He has provided exceptional guidance and wisdom during the entire process and has shown an incredible amount of faith in our abilities to produce an issue of such high quality on our first attempt.

I am especially thankful to every single member of the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW; their hard work and persistence has produced incredible results. We have experienced challenges throughout the entire process, and the editorial board met these challenges with a great deal of enthusiasm. I am very proud to be a part of such a hard working group of people. I especially want to thank the Executive Board (Betsey Sawyer, Joanna Frederick, Adam Ribock, David Long, and Sherrod Taylor) for their dedication, insight and creativity from the moment this review began to the publication of this issue and beyond. On a more personal note, I would like to thank my wife, Amy Campbell, for her consistent encouragement and understanding during this long process. This issue would not have come to fruition were it not for everyone's hard work, and I am grateful for their help in turning our collective vision into this inaugural issue.