

# MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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In the second year of its existence, the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW has built on the immense success of its inaugural year. This year, the Review has increased its staff size, broadened its recognition in the sports law community, and deepened its influence in the legal community.

The goal for the 2012-2013 MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW was to create a positive sustainable change for the future of the REVIEW. I am pleased to say, through this Issue and the Second Annual Fall Symposium, the REVIEW has accomplished its goal.

The REVIEW hosted its annual Fall Symposium, *The Impact of Concussion Lawsuits on the Future of Football*, in October 2012. The Symposium focused on the pending litigation between the NFL and over four thousand former NFL players. The panelists involved in the discussion included two law professors (Jeffery Standen and andré douglas pond cummings), the co-founder of Vanderbilt Sports Concussion Center (Dr. Andrew Gregory), a lead plaintiff's attorney in the suit against the NFL (Philip Thomas), and a retired NFL player (Todd Wade). The REVIEW would like to express its gratitude to those who participated in the Symposium.

Indeed, this volume begins with the transcript from the Symposium. In addition to the transcript of the symposium, the academic articles in this issue focus on the issue of concussions and sports. This issue also contains four pieces of law student writing on various issues related to sports.

The support MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW has received from the faculty and staff at the University of Mississippi School of Law is second to none. We would especially like to thank Dean Richard Gershon and Associate Dean Matthew Hall; we are appreciative of their continued support and assistance. The REVIEW is also very grateful for the outstanding leadership of our faculty advisor, Dr. William W. Berry III. He has provided us guidance and wisdom throughout the year, helping make this Issue and the Fall Symposium possible.

I would like to thank each one of the members the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW, their hard work and commitment to producing an excellent work product. I would also like to thank Justin Campbell, the inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the REVIEW. His continued support and guidance long after he graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law have been invaluable to the success of this year. I especially want to thank the Executive Board (Nicholas Broder, Nicole Jones, Pavan Reddy, Kyle Richards, and Wesley Shelley) whose long hours and dedication to the REVIEW have helped make this issue possible.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank my Mother and Father for all that they have done for me, especially their words of encouragement and support through this journey has been priceless. I am truly appreciative for all they have done.

This Volume would not have come to fruition were it not for everyone's hard work. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW. Moving forward, I hope the REVIEW continues to be the authority in the South on issues in sports law.