

# MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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In its fourth year of publication, the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW, through the dedication of its members and university support, has continued to propel its status in the legal and sports communities. The REVIEW has been able to accomplish its goals of building a renowned sports law publication through the diligent editing, writing, and selection of novel articles by its members. Hosting its annual symposium and various speaking series, the REVIEW has offered its members, as well as Ole Miss students, unique opportunities to build new connections within the athletics community.

The continued success of the REVIEW would not be possible without the unwavering support of Professor William W. Berry III, Dean Richard Gershon, Dean Matthew Hall, Professor Ronald Rychlak, and the Ole Miss Athletics Department. With the support of the law school administration, REVIEW members are able to receive an academic credit for their yearly contribution to the publication. By maintaining its close relationship with Ole Miss Athletics, many members have received externship credit by working in the Compliance Office. Some members have even volunteered with the Development Office. This winter intersession, many members were able to attend the NCAA National Convention and expand their athletics network.

The topic of the annual fall symposium was *Current Telecommunications Issues and Their Impact on Sports Broadcasting*. The REVIEW invited experts in various fields to discuss this imminent issue. The REVIEW would once again like to thank our expert panel for visiting Oxford and providing a unique perspective on the future of sports broadcasting. The members of the panel included Professor Babette Boliek (Pepperdine University School of Law), Kristi Dosh (SportsBizMiss), Professor Robert Frieden (Penn State Law), Terence High (The High Law Firm, PLLC), and Charlie Hussey (Southeastern Conference).

The 2014-15 academic year marked the first year where 2L members of the REVIEW were required to write an academic article in order to receive academic credit. This writing requirement will further validate membership and will offer members the incredible opportunity to publish a scholarly article either with the REVIEW or in an outside publication. Volume 4 of the review contains the most published student notes, two written by 2L members and two written by 3L members. Moving forward, the REVIEW hopes to build on student scholarship, as constantly advocated by Professors William Berry and Jack Nowlin, while continuing to publish novel articles written by professors and sports law experts.

Volume 4 contains three articles written by law school professors. The esteemed Professor Walter T. Champion examines NFLPA athlete agent certification and the inherent fiduciary relationship that exists. Professor Hadar Aviram uses sociology principles to discuss the nature of how sports become regulated. Professor Russ VerSteege and law student Kimberley Maruncic jointly cover the history of instant replay technology and compare it to the advances in science and technology that allows the legal system to review decisions.

I would like to thank all of the managing and staff editors for their enthusiasm for sports law and for consistently meeting deadlines and putting forth an exceptional effort in their edits and writing. I cannot thank the executive staff enough for all of their help with Volume 4. John Michael Allen, Mable Kimbrough, and Daniel Seawell provided incredible support with organizing the symposium and editing the submitted articles. Lance Gunnels and Kent Frost allowed the REVIEW to operate as seamlessly as possible by taking care of all of the behind-the-scenes work and doing everything asked of them. The REVIEW would not have been possible without all of its members' support.

I would like to thank Dean Gershon and the law school administration for constantly supporting our publication and events. Thank you, Dean Gershon, for believing in the niche area of sports law and for believing that its mastery will allow members to pursue a career in athletics.

I would like to thank Professor Berry for constantly guiding the REVIEW'S mission and for working with the law school administration. Thank you, Professor Berry, for spearheading this

program, for constantly moving the publication forward, and for being an incredible mentor and friend.

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