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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The University of Denver's Sports and Entertainment Law Journal is proud to complete its thirteenth year of publication. Over the past thirteen years, the Journal has strived to contribute to the academic discourse surrounding legal issues in the sports and entertainment industry by publishing scholarly articles.

Volume XXI features three case comments discussing relevant case law in the sports industry.

The first case comment is a piece written by a staff editor on the Journal, Nicholas R. Kehr. This piece discusses an interesting case between Independent Sports & Entertainment, LLC, a sports, media, entertainment, and management company, and Daniel Fegan, an NBA agent, and explores preemption of claims under the Labor Management Relations Act.

The second case comment, written by Logan P. Desmond and Leeann M. Lower, discusses the intriguing case of Derek Boogaard, a former NHL player that passed away due to drug overdose. Despite the negative ruling in this case, Boogaard's family continues to fight this legal battle, having most recently appealed to the 7th Circuit when the Northern District of Illinois granted the NHL's motion to dismiss.

The final case comment, written by Sean M. Winebrenner and Leeann M. Lower, discusses a Nebraska District Court's public forum analysis for the areas surrounding a sports arena.

Volume XXI also features one note, written by Callie P. Borgmann, a managing editor for the Journal. In this note, Ms. Borgmann analyzes the recent developments in royalties paid to songwriters for streaming services.

Finally, Volume XXI has five featured articles discussing issues and proposing solutions for hot topics we face in the sports and entertainment industries.

The first article, written by Tamara L. Kuennen and Chelsea Augelli, undertakes a deep analysis into the domestic violence problems and policies in the four major men's professional sports (NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL), and proposes a solution for how to "advance the ball."

Moving into a discussion on college athletics, David E. Missirian writes the second article, analyzing whether university sports are a benefit or a

detriment to society and whether universities have a legal and moral duty to protect their students.

The third article, written by Jonathan G. Finck, analyzes what may be the hottest topic in the NFL—players kneeling. In this article, Mr. Finck explores the different punishments the NFL uses and analyzes whether any can be applied to players that kneel, while simultaneously recommending a path forward.

Transitioning to the NBA, the fourth article, written by Uriah Tagle, explores the current NBA and WNBA eligibility rules, reconciling these rules with anti-trust law and discussing the current effects on prospective players.

The final article, by Chris Breton, discusses the treatment of fan injuries in the MLB, including reactions from courts, legislatures, and the MLB itself, and proposes the necessary next steps in order to adequately protect the fans.

We are truly pleased with Volume XXI's publication and would like to thank the authors for all of their hard work. We would also like to thank our wonderful faculty advisor, Professor Stacey Bowers, and our outstanding dean, Dean Bruce Smith. To the editorial board, non-editorial board, and staff editors, I appreciate the endless effort and hard work that has perfected Volume XXI of the Journal.

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