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

The Sports and Entertainment Law Journal is proud to complete its tenth year of publication. Over the past decade, the Journal has strived to contribute to the academic discourse surrounding legal issues in the sports and entertainment industry by publishing scholarly articles.

Volume XVII has six featured articles discussing issues and proposing solutions for hot topics we face in the sports and entertainment industry.

The first article, written by Kaine Hampton, a May 2015 graduate of American University Washington College of Law, discusses the crossroads between U.S. copyright law and musician advocacy. The article proposes a solution that would adequately address both the interests of musicians and music licensees.

Switching into the sports industry, Matthew Akers writes the second article regarding the international tax regimes for athletes playing in various countries across the world and recommends a proposal for countries to use tax regimes in an effective way that attracts international athlete talent.

The third article, by Jason Cruz, talks about the illegality of Mixed Martial Arts in New York, and whether MMA will become constitutionally protected in the future, under the First Amendment.

The fourth article, written by Professor John Fortunato, discusses *Jenkins v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* and how sponsors can have positive implications in collegiate athletics.

Continuing with the discussion of sports, the fifth article, written by Zachary Paterick, Timothy E. Paterick, and Sandy Sanbar, explores the physical and verbal aggressiveness between studentathletes and coaches, and discusses possible ways to better protect the interests of both in college sports.

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In the sixth article, Christopher Ryan talks about the perceptional change of American legal practice, and why television has impacted the current opinion of lawyers.

We are truly pleased with Volume XVII'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 two wonderful Deans, Dean Emmerich and Dean Moffat, for their invaluable advice and guidance. To the editorial board and staff editors, I appreciate the endless effort and hard work that has perfected the Journal. I am so proud of what we have accomplished!

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