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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The Sports and Entertainment Law Journal is proud to complete its ninth year of publication. Over the past nine years, the Journal has strived to contribute to the academic discourse surrounding legal issues in the sports and entertainment industry by publishing articles by students and established scholars.

As editor-in-chief, I wanted to create a new identity for the Sports and Entertainment Law Journal. Volume XVI has six articles discussing issues and proposing solutions for hot topics we face in the sports and entertainment industry.

The first article is written by Connor Bush, a 2015 J.D. candidate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. The article takes an in-depth look at the five college athletic conferences and argues that it should separate from the NCAA and form independent athletic associations.

Michelle Gonzalez, a 2014 graduate of St. Thomas School of Law, writes the second article, which examines how the media popularizes criminal trials featuring female defendants, most infamously Casey Anthony, Amanda Knox and Jodi Arias.

The third article, written by Gregory Huckabee, Professor of Business Law at the University of South Dakota, and Aaron Fox, research assistant and J.D. graduate of the University of South Dakota, looks at ethics of scheduling FBS v. FCS games and an analysis of intercollegiate sport and its purpose.

At the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, Germany scored the winning goal while fans across the United States watched, raking in over 24 million American viewers. The fourth article, written by Joseph Lennarz, a graduate of UCLA School of Law and a managing partner at Ascension Athlete Management, explains why the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement renewal will likely

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bring structural changes to the Major League Soccer. The article then advocates for two structural changes that address the issues discussed within.

Continuing with the discussion of sports, Mathew Mills, a 2014 graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law, exposes the constitutional issues raised by the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act in the fifth article.

In the sixth article, Geoffrey Palachuk, a graduate of University of Notre Dame Law School and intellectual property and corporate litigation associate at Paine Hamblen, LLP, analyzes the most effective method for courts to guarantee First Amendment protections while also serving the right of publicity.

We are truly pleased with Volume XVI's publication and would like to thank the authors for all of their hard work. We would also like to thank our wonderful faculty advisors, Professor John Soma and Professor Stacey Bowers. Professor Bowers, thank you for your guidance and support in making our journal possible. To the editorial board and staff editors, I appreciate the endless effort and hard work that has perfected the Journal.

Last, we would like to thank everyone in our lives that help us keep our sanity during law school.

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