

# FORDHAM SPORTS LAW FORUM

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The Fordham Sports Law Forum would like to invite you to attend our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Law Symposium. The event attracts many notable practitioners in the industry and is annually the best-attended symposium at Fordham Law School. The symposium, which is co-sponsored by the Entertainment Arts & Sports Law section of the New York State Bar Association, will take place on **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 9:15am to 5:00pm in our new law school building at 150 West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). This year, our three panels will discuss a broad variety of issues in sports law, and will offer **4.5 transitional and nontransitional professional practice CLE credit hours**. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided, and a cocktail reception will follow the conclusion of the event from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

The first panel (*Professional Athletes' Tax Returns: Analyzing the "Jock Tax"* – 11:00am-12:20am) will look at the current tax requirements of professional athletes and discuss possible reform that could alleviate the system's complexities and problems.

The second panel (*An Analysis of Domestic & Sexual Violence in Sports & Society* – 1:30pm – 2:50pm) will discuss the effect that the behavior and discipline of professional and collegiate athletes has on societal attitudes regarding domestic and sexual violence, and how leagues could positively influence society's treatment of women, based on the substantial space that sports occupy in American popular culture and media.

Finally, the third panel (*The Power of the Public: How Fans Affect Team Ownership & League Management* – 3:10pm – 4:30pm) will examine the fan's effect on the discipline of players, coaches, and owners and debate whether league policies should strive for more consistency in disciplinary regimes.

## **This year's speakers include:**

Jessica Berman, *Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, National Hockey League*  
David Anders, *Partner, Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz*  
Megan L. Brackney, *Partner, Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP*  
Mark Conrad, *Director of Sports Business, Fordham University Gabelli School of Business*  
Marc Edelman, *Associate Prof. of Law, Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, CUNY*  
Stephen Kidder, *Partner, Hemenway & Barnes LLP*  
Benjamin Levine, *Attorney-at-Law, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani*  
Jennifer O'Sullivan, *Partner, Hand Baldachin Amburgey*  
James Quinn, *Partner, Weil Gotshal & Manges*  
Robert Raiola, CPA, *Senior Manager, O'Connor Davies*  
Jeffrey White, *Special Counsel, Covington Burling*

For more information and to register, go to [law.fordham.edu/sportslaw](http://law.fordham.edu/sportslaw).

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## April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Schedule of Events 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Law Symposium

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| <b>9:15 – 10:00</b>  | Registration  |
| <b>10:00 – 10:45</b> | Keynote Address, <i>Jessica Berman, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, National Hockey League</i> |
| <b>11:00 – 12:25</b> | Panel 1 – <i>Professional Athletes' Tax Returns: Analyzing the "Jock Tax"</i>                             |
| <b>12:30 – 1:25</b>  | Lunch   |
| <b>1:30 – 2:45</b>   | Panel 2 – <i>An Analysis of Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence in Society &amp; Sports</i>                    |
| <b>2:50 – 3:05</b>   | Break   |
| <b>3:10 – 4:35</b>   | Panel 3 – <i>The Power of the Public: How Fans Affect Team &amp; League Management</i>                    |
| <b>4:40 – 5:00</b>   | Closing Remarks   |
| <b>5:00 – 6:00</b>   | Cocktail Reception  |