

Sports Law – Spring 2023 (2 credits)

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[Sports Law and Regulation: Cases, Materials, and Problems, Fifth Edition](#)

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**Class Grading:**

Class participation - 20% of the grade

For each class, be prepared to discuss the assigned reading and any notes, questions, or problems from the text. Reading material in *italics* will be posted on TWEN.

3 Quizzes – 10% each

Final – 50%

Quizzes and Final will primarily be short answer with some multiple choice

**Office Hours:**

Available by phone (703) 624-9663 and email [Todd.Flanagan@NFLPA.com](mailto:Todd.Flanagan@NFLPA.com).

Can meet in-person at the law school Thursday evenings.

**The course will chart the development of professional league sports. How the interplay of contract, tort, agency, anti-trust, and labor law created professional sports as we know them today.**

**By the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the major cases in each area and the legal concepts which govern professional sports.**

**Week 1**

**Introduction to Sports Law and League Governance**

pp. 1-20, 371-393

## **Week 2**

### **Antitrust law**

pp. 394-434

## **Week 3**

pp. 434-461

## **Week 4**

Quiz 1

pp. 103-108, 198-207, 215-228,

## **Week 5**

pp. 238-249

*NCAA v. Alston*

## **Week 6**

### **Labor Relations**

pp. 463-512

*1944 NFL Player Contract (informational only)*

## **Week 7**

pp. 513-541

## **Week 8**

pp. 541-570

*Steelers' Advice memo*

## **Week 9**

### **Labor Law and Antitrust Law**

Quiz 2

pp. 571-608

## **Week 10**

### **Regulating Agents**

*NFLPA Regulations Governing Contract Advisors (informational only)*

*HA Artists*

pp. 619-644

## **Week 11**

pp. 644-658

*Wallace v. Branion*

*NFLPA v. Olken*

## **Week 12**

pp. 672-682, 693-697

## **Week 13**

### **Intellectual Property**

Quiz 3

pp. 1003-1017, 1025-1040