

Sports Law – Spring 2024 (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 email 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