

## BOOK REVIEW

### *SPORTS LAW AND REGULATION: CASES, MATERIALS, AND PROBLEMS*

Matthew J. Mitten, Timothy Davis, Rodney K. Smith & Robert C. Berry

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In the spring of 2005, *Sports Law and Regulation: Cases, Materials, and Problems* made its debut. Those involved in the academic pursuit of the legal aspects of sport and those who practice or teach sports law in higher education often relish the arrival of such a new book (actually any new book) involving sports law. Newer and better textbooks, casebooks, and just plain old-fashioned sports law books, continue to compete for exposure in a student's world in which sports law is taught not just in law schools, but in paralegal programs, sport management programs, legal studies programs, business schools, graduate studies programs and so on.

The four authors of this text all have credible status in the field of sports law as Professors at the law school level, Mitten (Marquette University Law School), Davis (Wake Forest University School of Law), Smith (President, Southern Virginia University), and Berry (Professor Emeritus, Boston College Law School). The reader is reminded of their expertise throughout the book in footnotes, notes and in other references. They present 12 chapters of a sport law smorgasbord in an interesting and unconventional arrangement. Limiting such a book to 12 chapters (for a 15 or 16 week semester) is often an ideal framework that provides faculty with buffer-zones to expand (or condense) areas of in-class interest among the students during the semester's term. No doubt, an adoptee of this casebook will appreciate such leeway in the classroom.

In the Preface, Mitten, Davis, Smith, and Berry state that they give a "balanced perspective" on the legal system. Interestingly, the reader may become immediately curious that the authors emphasize "historical, economic, and sociological" issues and factors. The text, then, appears to favor those who

teach sports law from these non-traditional social science perspectives. For those who might exclaim, "Where is the law in this?" you may become quite unsettled at first, but do not worry: this text has some of the best collections of case law in sport ever assembled.

Early on, the authors attempt to counter potential claims against their chosen approach by preemptively noting that the book should be given multidisciplinary consideration among law students, and upper-division undergraduate and graduate students. However, the authors caution readers by offering that this book "raises some of the deeper philosophical, sociological, psychological, and economic policy issues that arise in the sports context" in order to mirror contemporary law practice and heighten students understanding of sports-related legal issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (pg. xxvi). It becomes increasingly obvious that this casebook will take a unique approach that *de facto* law school competitors, Weiler and Roberts (*Sports and the Law: Text, Cases and Problems*), or Jarvis and Coleman (*Sports Law: Cases and Materials*), among others, do not pursue to the same degree.

Chapter 1, "An Introduction to the Study of Sports Law" will seem familiar to some. The first subsection, "What is Sports Law" is a modified excerpt from an article written by Davis himself in 2001 (and duly noted in the first footnote of the book). This chapter remains loyal to the Preface as it is divided into numerous introductory subsections including the role of sport in society, sport and cultural values (both positive and negative), how sport, culture and metaphors interrelate, sport and economics, and sport and politics. Sociological references dominate the latter half of the chapter including thought provoking resources in the *Notes and Questions* section which signals the end of a major part in each chapter. Here, the authors have placed traditional legal precedent on an equal playing field with the sociological perspectives involving sports law.

Chapter 2, "Regulating Interscholastic (High School) Athletics," is the best collection of timely high school related legal cases found in one casebook or textbook. The chapter begins with a brief and unusual historical overview of high school sports more appropriate in a non-law course, but the chapter is then scattered with a menagerie of relevant cases and thought-provoking questions. Full and slightly edited cases including, but not limited to, the now familiar *Brentwood Academy v. Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association*, *Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton*, *Menora v. Illinois High School Athletic Association*, and *Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe*, among numerous others, provide the reader with the premier cases and judicial opinions involving subjects from religion and state action, to drug testing and so on. Fair and balanced, the authors even offer the dissenting judicial

opinions in several cases to provide students with the minority view. This chapter is so good, in fact, that one could argue that it might serve as the basis for an entire course in the area of high school sports and the law.

"Regulating Intercollegiate Athletics," the authors' third chapter, is 182 pages long. The chapter begins with an historical overview of the development of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and its policies throughout the years to the present. In addition to cases, the authors also offer verbatim excerpts from NCAA bylaws which prove quite effective. Utilization of *Waldrep v. Texas Employers Insurance Association* worker's compensation case (2000) is an excellent springboard to further discussion and debate. First Amendment, drug testing and religious liberty issues have their place in this chapter, too, as does *NCAA v. Tarkanian* of course. The authors hit a home-run by including *Bloom v. NCAA* (2004), as contemporary students are likely more familiar and interested with Bloom's plight. Mitten, Davis, Smith and Berry also include an exploration into the NCAA infractions process (lack of institutional control, for example) often ignored by other texts, and they conclude with the study of antitrust law as it specifically relates to the NCAA.

The next chapter, "Regulating Olympic and International Athletics," again is filled with a substantial historical perspective of the Olympic Movement, its organization and structure, and important cases in that arena. Legal battles involving Mary Decker Slaney, Tonya Harding, Matt Lindland, and Butch Reynolds are all offered in this chapter in addition to a thorough discussion of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, including Paul Hamm's 2004 Olympic debacle.

Chapter 5 is entitled "Coaches' Contracts and Related Issues." Fine cases such as *Rodgers v. Georgia Tech Athletic Association* and *Vanderbilt University v. DiNardo* are offered. However, the authors also incorporate real financial numbers related to out of control coaches' salaries and a myriad of ancillary issues related to being a coach including the most recent discussions involving the University of Alabama and the University of Colorado. An interesting contract negotiation exercise concludes this chapter.

In "Regulating Professional Athletics," Chapter 6, the authors discuss the origin and history of professional sport in American society. They also address the role of sports agents, players' associations, commissioners and the other players involved in the professional sports landscape. Antitrust and labor issues are also mentioned here, as is the role of the commissioner and franchise relocation. Comprehensive and well-written, the authors include the infamous *U.S.F.L. v. NFL* case that adds considerable value to this already exceptional chapter.

The next chapter, "Labor Law and Labor Relations" is particularly well-written. A discussion of the development of the nonstatutory labor exemption is flavored with cases such as *Mackey v. NFL*, *Powell v. NFL*, *Brown v. Pro Football, Inc.*, and even the most recent cases, yes all of them, involving Maurice Clarett. Collective bargaining, union issues (including arbitration in *Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*), and drug testing policies in team sports are explored here as well. Sections of the National Basketball Association (NBA), National Football League (NFL) and Major League Baseball (MLB) collective bargaining agreements (including an NBA uniform player contract) enhance the real-world approach in this chapter. Educators should note that rather than providing an entire chapter devoted to contracts, the authors address contract law here under labor law.

Contemporary issues involving sports agents and a thorough historical perspective of the industry are found in Chapter 8, "Regulating Agents." The authors include the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) regulations governing contract advisors as well as the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) regulations. Particularly noticeable is the attention given to the competition for sports clientele among the agents themselves. One highlight of this chapter is the discussion involving the Sports Agent Responsibility Trust Act (SPARTA) and the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA). The expertise of the authors is particularly noticeable in this chapter.

In Chapter 9, "Racial Equity Issues in Athletics," the authors' tone is disheartening at times in their approach, and it should evoke lively classroom discussion. Though the authors do address employment discrimination laws, mascot issues and racism, the chapter emanates with anger. Even to an open-minded and racially sensitive reader, the chapter reads like a biased dissertation on racial oppression in sport. As such, this chapter, is better suited to a sociology textbook. The authors appear to throw stones at certain individuals, tend to provoke and perpetuate stereotypes and governmentally subsidized racial categorizations, and bully their way to the next chapter, Chapter 10, "Gender Equity Issues in Athletics."

Chapter 10 includes the authors' presentation of *Cohen v. Brown University*, *Mercer v. Duke University*, *Pederson v. Louisiana State University*, *Boucher v. Syracuse University*, and *Williams v. School District of Bethlehem, PA*. While other authors might devote more pages to Title IX, one would be hard pressed to find a fairer and more balanced offering of historical, legal, and social perspectives on continuing interpretation on this 1972 federal law. Additionally, this chapter alone could serve as the prime springboard for

anyone desiring to conduct further research on Title IX and other gender issues in sport.

Chapter 11 is entitled "Health, Safety, and Risk Management Issues in Sports." Again, the selection of cases is timely and triumphant. The infamous National Hockey League (NHL) Canadian criminal case (*Regina v. McSorley*) is provided as are other sports and violence cases (notice that tort law and criminal law are combined in this chapter). The inclusion of high school concerns, the validity of liability waivers, numerous cases from the 1990s, and even more recent cases continue to give this casebook preferential status. *Hackbart v. Cincinnati Bengals, Inc.*, is offered as is the issue of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Casey Martin's legal battle with the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) of America Tour. The participation rights of athletes with physical or mental impairments are also researched thoroughly by these authors.

The title of the casebook's final chapter is "Intellectual Property Issues in Sports." Trademark issues, ambush marketing, and broadcasting rights are addressed with some of the best collection of notes and resources on legal scholarship regarding this topic. Intellectual property issues related to the Internet are also included.

This book can be effectively used by sports lawyers, sports law academicians, and law students interested in this subject area. This book would be ideal for an advanced sports law class in law school which might focus on historical, social or economic issues as a backdrop to traditional sports law study. The book would not be appropriate for undergraduate studies unless the student already has a law degree or is extremely familiar with the American legal system and legal research and writing. However, it could be used in multidisciplinary studies at the graduate level.

This book's appearance and delivery lacks pizzazz (which is consistent for many law school books), but its price is reasonable for a law school text. This production is power-packed and well-organized with many of the most contemporary, influential and important cases involving broad areas of sports law. A glossary would have been a useful addition for those less versed in legal jargon. The authors have also developed a Teacher's Manual for this casebook that is a complimentary resource for educators adopting this text.

Though at times *Sports Law and Regulations: Cases, Materials, and Problems* reads more like a giant law review article, riddled with cutting-edge cases and contemporary legal scholarship, the authors remain true to their original stated intent. Professors Mitten, Davis, Smith and Berry should be congratulated for their joint efforts and their unique approach to discussing the regulatory framework involving sports law. Authors of future casebooks and

texts would be wise to review this book and cite these authors for their authority on this subject matter.

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