

## Winston Provides Pro Bono Counsel to Double Amputee Athlete Blake Leeper in his Appeal to be Eligible for Tokyo Olympics

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Winston & Strawn's Jeffrey Kessler is leading the fight to bring the best, and most inclusive, athletes to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Kessler is providing pro bono counsel to Blake Leeper, a U.S. Paralympic sprinter born without legs below his knees, in his efforts to reverse a decision by World Athletics that previously ruled that Leeper, who competes with blade prosthetics, has an unfair advantage. Commenting on Leeper's appeal to the *Washington Post*, Kessler said, "It is maddening. It is not really understandable except for how deep-seated this adversity in that body is against the disabled competing on the world stage at the highest level against non-disabled runners when they're able to do so."

Read the full article on Blake Leeper's efforts to compete this summer [here](#).

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