



# Winston Represents Nonbinary Runner Cal Calamia in Securing Groundbreaking Therapeutic Use Exemption From USADA

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**New York** – October 9, 2023 – Winston & Strawn LLP prevailed on behalf of nonbinary runner Cal Calamia in securing United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) approval of a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for Calamia’s use of testosterone in male, nonbinary, and open running categories. The USADA issued the approval on October 5, 2023.

Calamia, who uses both “he” and “they” pronouns, has been taking testosterone as part of his gender transition after having been assigned female at birth. Winston has been representing Calamia on a pro bono basis during the USADA review of his TUE application, without any formal appearance before USADA.

Winston is proud to have represented and supported Calamia through the USADA TUE application, which has resulted in a landmark decision that *The Washington Post* reported in a front-page article as “the first such exemption to compete in the nonbinary category in running[,] and [that] is viewed as a victory for nonbinary and trans athletes, some of whom receive gender-affirming hormone treatments that have traditionally been banned from the sport.” This victory for Calamia and nonbinary and trans athletes has also been reported by media worldwide.

Calamia has long been an advocate for fair treatment for nonbinary and trans runners. In the *Washington Post* article, he said, ““This approval represents a turning point in conversations about trans athletes. ... To have this approval means I’m allowed to be part of this conversation without being sidelined. ... I recognize I am an activist, but I think it’s important for people to know this activism was born out of desire to be who I am and do what I love.”

Calamia was represented by Winston litigation partner David Feher (New York), co-chair of the firm’s sports litigation practice; litigation partner Diana Leiden (Los Angeles); and litigation associate Whitney Williams (Los Angeles).

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