

Winston & Strawn Launches College Sports Practice Group

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Nationally Recognized Sports Litigation Practice Expands Services to Include College Athletics

NEW YORK, NY (October 2, 2013) – Winston & Strawn LLP announces the launch of the firm's college sports practice group, led by nationally ranked attorneys and a former National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) lead investigator. The practice group will provide comprehensive legal services to clients involved in all aspects of college and amateur athletics, including the representation of colleges and universities involved in NCAA enforcement investigations and violations of NCAA legislation.

"Our sports law practice is regularly adverse to sports leagues and associations in litigations and arbitrations, making a college sports practice a natural extension," said Jeffrey Kessler, partner and co-chair of Winston & Strawn's sports litigation practice. "This practice will fit seamlessly with our experience bringing and defending cases to reign in the unbridled power of sports bodies to ensure fair treatment for clients."

Winston & Strawn was recently recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as "Law Firm of the Year" for Sports Law and has achieved success for clients against the top sports organizations in the world, including the NCAA. The firm's sports litigation attorneys represent the players associations in the four major professional sports leagues and have litigated some of the most closely watched sports cases in history, including the 2011 antitrust litigations challenging "lockouts" imposed by the NFL and the NBA. Among other landmark cases, Winston & Strawn's sports litigation attorneys represented the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in the antitrust trial against the NCAA that led to continuing the historic NIT tournament.

Winston & Strawn's college sports practice group will be led by David Greenspan and Tim Nevius. Mr. Greenspan was named a "Rising Star" by Law360 and recognized by Legal 500 U.S. in 2010 in the area of sports law, while Mr. Nevius joins the firm from the NCAA where he was a lead investigator on some of the NCAA's biggest infractions cases.

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