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So Now She's A Star

Women In & Around Sports



Women In
The Law
Division
Program

Speakers:

- The Hon. Robert J. Colville, US District Court for the Western District of PA
- Heather Lyke, Esquire, Acing President and CEO of the FBS Athletics Directors Association
- Daniel Kunz, Esquire, Allegheny Court of Common Pleas and Adjunct Professor

Moderator:

- Sarah Krolikowski, Krolikowski Law, LLC

What types of laws impact athletes? Or those that work in and around sports?

- Contract Law
- Antitrust
- Personal Injury
- Trademarks
- Criminal Law
- Labor & Employment
- Personal Property
- Tax



Criminal Law?

Yes.



Tax Considerations/Labor & Employment



What has the impact of Title IX been on college sports?

- **POSITIVE (mostly)**
- Historical: adopted in 1972 and since then there has been better funding, opportunities for women to participate in college sports and access to sports through college
- **Why was it so bad before?**
- Major improvement for terms of people who work in sports (think college athletics administrators, media, ancillary sports industries)
- **What do we still need to do to help female athletes?**



How have the increase in college sports impact leadership positions/roles in college sports and beyond?

- Title IX has helped grow the number of women coaching in college sports, administrators, and leaders in sports
- Title IX has helped with compensation and growing opportunities
- However, some head coaching positions of female sports has become very lucrative so men have been taking on these head coaching roles.
- More women than ever before working in football - front office and coaching roles too
- More women referees as well



Why are there still so few female ADs and Commissioners in college sports?

- Stigma
- Perception
- Old school mentality
- There are more female ADs in Division II and III than Division I. There is some continued growth of female leaders but at the top levels of Division I (power 5) they have remained fairly stagnant.

How do we reconcile the discrepancy of revenue sharing with women athletes in the new collegiate revenue sharing model? How does Title IX apply to the *House* case settlement?



- It is unknown for sure how Title IX will apply to the revenue sharing model however many schools believe the revenues can be shared in the same percentage that they are earned and are not subject to Title IX.
- Institutions still have to comply with Title IX in participation opportunities, scholarships and experiences. Therefore you are seeing some schools adding additional scholarships to female sports to make up for the lack of revenue sharing funds they are providing their female student-athletes.

What are sports careers that are a good fit for an attorney?

Sports Agent

Arbitrator/Mediators

Athletic Director

Team Counsel

Intellectual Property Lawyer

Agency Attorney

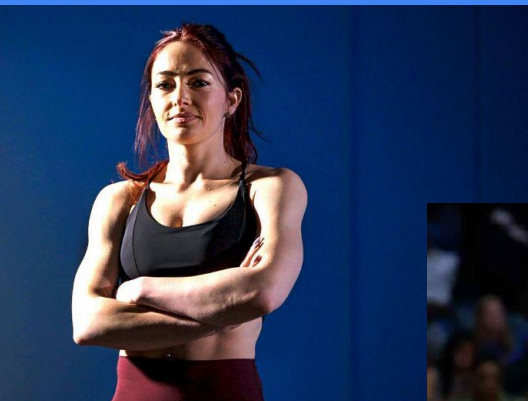
Facilities Lawyer

Governance Advisor

Media and Entertainment

Panel Career Focuses:

Sports Agents



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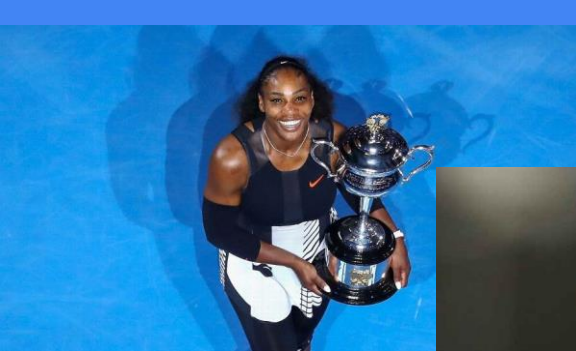
Athletic Director



Where can you go in Pittsburgh to learn more about Sports Law?

- Get additional certifications or advanced degrees to enhance qualifications
- Network by attending industry events
- NFL Draft 2025?





Questions?
Thank you!

