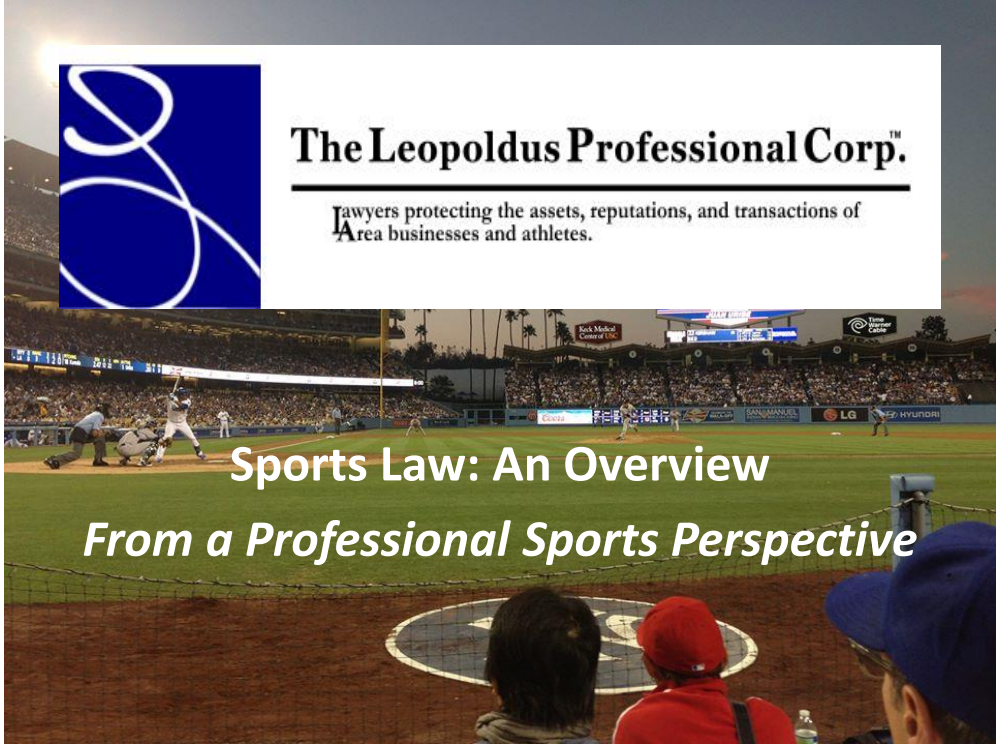

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Sports Law: An Overview
From a Professional Sports Perspective

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Sports Law: An Overview

Amateur v. Professional

- Pay for Play (Employment)
- Labor Unions
- Private Entities
- For Profit
- Lines are Being Blurred



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Professional Sports Leagues

- Non-Profit Structure
  - Trade Associations
- Antitrust Exemption
  - Useful
  - Tested
  - Not without competition



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Multifaceted Business Model

- Franchises
- Venues
- Broadcasting
- IP Issues



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Key Players of Business Model

- Leagues
- Unions
- Team Owners
- Municipalities
- Broadcasters
- Advertisers
- Employees
- Fans



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Key Legal Issues: Labor

- Labor
  - Collective Bargaining
  - Free Agency
  - Labor Stoppages



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Key Legal Issues: Labor

- Minimum Wage Compliance
  - Minor League Baseball Players
  - Cheerleaders
- Sexual Harassment
- Workplace Safety



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Key Legal Issues: Injuries

- Concussions
  - Ongoing litigation
- Long-Term Disability
  - Assumption of risk? Disclosure?
- ‘Sports Related Activities’



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Key Legal Issues: Antitrust

- Exemption exists for sports leagues
  - Broadcasting
  - Is there a monopoly anyway?
  - Government threats to antitrust exemption



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Key Legal Issues: Fan Safety

- Assaults
- Playing Equipment
- Line Between Playing Field and Spectators
- Stadium Construction



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Commissioner Powers

- Original Appointment
- Overarching Powers
- ‘Best Interest’ Clause
- Commissioner’s Focus
- Are the powers changing?



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Athlete Issues

- Sponsorship Issues
- Morality Clauses
- Social Media
- Public Persona/Celebrity Issues
- Criminal Activity
- Money Management



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Useful Information

- See the Written Materials associated with this presentation
- The Sports Lawyers Association – www.SportsLaw.org
- The Los Angeles Sports Business Alliance – www.SportsBuisnessAlliance.com
- The Leopoldus Professional Corporation's Athlete Practice – www.TheSportsLawyer.com


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