

Under Further Review: A Legal Look at the World of Sports

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Symposium Agenda

Friday, January 30, 2015 | Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street

8:15 a.m. **Registration**

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8:45 a.m. **Introduction & Welcome**

Liam Duffy, *Symposium Editor, Charleston Law Review*

Donald Gordon, Ph.D., *Executive Director,
The Riley Institute at Furman*

Andrew Abrams, *Dean, Charleston School of Law*

8:55 a.m. **Why “A Legal Look at the World of Sports?”**

Constance Anastopoulo, *Associate Professor of Law,
Charleston School of Law*

9 a.m. **Panel One: Reform in College Athletics
and the Future of the NCAA**

Moderated by Constance Anastopoulo

Timothy Liam Epstein, *Partner, SmithAmundsen*

Angela Littlejohn, *Legal Advisor, Furman University*

Warren Zola, *Chair, Boston College’s Professional
Sports Counseling Panel*

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10:30 a.m. **Panel Two: Concussions, Injuries, and
Other Medico-Legal Issues in Sports**

Moderated by Constance Anastopoulo

H. Hunt Batjer, M.D., *Former Co-Chair, NFL’s Head,
Neck, and Spine Committee*

Timothy Liam Epstein

David Geier, Jr., M.D., *Director, East Cooper Sports Medicine*

Noon **Keynote Address**

Introduction: Carolyn Murray, *News Anchor and Journalist,
WCBD TV Channel 2*

Keynote: Megha Parekh, *Senior Vice President and General
Counsel, Jacksonville Jaguars*

12:45 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**

2 p.m. **Panel Three: League Scandals–
Disciplinary Powers and Due Process**

Moderated by Constance Anastopoulo

Scott Andresen, *Founder, Andresen & Associates, P.C.*

Robert Raiola, C.P.A., *Sports and Entertainment Group
Manager, O’Connor Davies, LLP*

Daniel Wallach, *Shareholder, Becker & Poliakoff*

3:15 p.m. **Closing**

Liam Duffy

Keynote Speaker



Megha Parekh is vice president and general counsel of the Jacksonville Jaguars. In her role, Megha is responsible for oversight over all legal matters (including all compliance, transactions and disputes), risk-management and insurance matters, people development, and training and information technology.

Since joining the Jaguars in March 2013, Megha has worked on owner Shahid Khan's acquisition of Fulham Football Club and the \$63 million public-private funded improvements to EverBank Field. In addition, Megha helped found a new people development initiative called "Jaguars University" to bring training and development opportunities to all Jaguars employees.

Prior to joining the Jaguars, Megha worked in the New York office of the law firm Proskauer, an international law firm known for its preeminent sports law group. Proskauer represents National Football League teams, National Hockey League teams, Major League Soccer, the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball teams, and has also represented the Association of Tennis Professionals and Women's Tennis Association, the New York Yankees, Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Jets, among many other sports and related entities. Under the leadership of Chairman Joe Leccese, Megha worked on public and private acquisitions and financings and securities offerings, including the acquisition of the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Houston Astros and the Cleveland Browns.

She serves on the board of the Florida Sports Foundation and previously served on the board of Women in Sports and Events, Inc. In 2013, the Ivy Sports Symposium chose her as one of the 10 NEXT in sports, and in 2013 and 2014, *Forbes* magazine named her as one of the 30-Under-30 in sports.

Megha graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School and from Harvard College with a degree in social studies. She worked closely with Peter Carfagna, a visiting lecturer at Harvard Law, on his sports law courses and helped generate the curriculum for a seminar on contracting in the sports industry.

Constance Anastopoulos joined the Charleston School of Law in 2007 teaching evidence, insurance, and torts. In 2011, she was chosen “Professor of the Year” by Charleston School of Law students. Currently, she serves as advisor to the Charleston Law Review students.

Her professional experience includes a partnership at the law firm Anastopoulos & Clore, where her litigation experience included civil, class action, worker’s compensation, probate law, appeals and domestic law.

Anastopoulos received her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Scott Andresen is the founder of Andresen & Associates P.C., a Chicago-based law firm that focuses its offerings in the areas of sports law, entertainment and the arts, intellectual property and a wide array of legal and non-legal services to clients ranging from startups and small entrepreneurs to multi-million dollar corporations. Currently an instructor in Northwestern University’s Master’s of Sports Administration program, Scott also frequently provides legal insight and commentary on sports law and sports business topics to national television, radio, print and online media outlets. Prior to founding Andresen & Associates, Scott served as in-house legal counsel for the Arena Football League. Scott earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, his J.D. at the Valparaiso University School of Law, and his M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix. Scott also previously studied at Cambridge University in England under U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, worked for the legal department of the Oakland Raiders, and served as legal assistant to the executive director of the Illinois High School Association.

H. Hunt Batjer, M.D. is an internationally recognized cerebrovascular surgeon who is at the forefront of advancing clinical care and research on traumatic brain injuries, such as concussions.

Notably, Batjer recently served as the co-chair of the National Football League (NFL) Head, Neck, and Spine Committee, where his work with the NFL helped to improve player safety due to concussive brain injuries and spinal injuries. As co-chair, he was involved with return to play protocols, equipment and safety, and in policy decisions with the NFL Competition Committee. He also serves as the neurosurgical consultant to the Dallas Cowboys.

Prior to receiving his M.D. from UT Southwestern, Dr. Batjer attended the University of Texas on a baseball scholarship and was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles as a left-handed pitcher.

Timothy Epstein, partner in SmithAmundsen’s Chicago office, serves as chair of the firm’s Sports Law practice group. His sports law practice includes litigation of injuries on the athletic field, sports product issues, amateur representation issues, and NCAA/high school association violations.

Epstein has also served as the Defense Research Institute’s (DRI) Sports Law Special Litigation Group chairman. He is listed in the Sports Law Expert Witness Directory and has been featured multiple times in the DRI Leadership Spotlight. He has also served as a legal analyst for ABC, Fox, and WGN.

Epstein also serves as an adjunct professor of law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law where he teaches courses in Sports and Entertainment Law. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law, and his B.A. in History and Irish Studies, *cum laude*, from Boston College.

David Geier, Jr., M.D. is the founder and medical director of East Cooper Sports Medicine in Charleston and the former director of the Medical University of South Carolina’s Sports Medicine Program. An orthopaedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, Geier is the chairman of the Public Relations committee for the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Geier has worked as the physician for a number of professional sports teams and events, including the Family Circle Cup women’s professional tennis tournament, the Charleston Battery soccer team, and U.S.A. Rugby and U.S. women’s national soccer teams. During his sports medicine fellowship, Geier also worked with the medical teams who provided care for the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Rams.

Geier received his M.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina and his B.A. from Wake Forest University.

Angela Littlejohn, legal counsel for Furman University since 2010, has had connections to collegiate athletics for many years. In her teens, Littlejohn worked for CBS Sports, ESPN, Fox Sports, and Raycom Sports as a statistician, spotter, stage manager, and Fox Box operator. During high school, Littlejohn also interned at Clemson in the top college sports information department, where she gained experience in media strategy and sports marketing.

While a student at the University of Virginia, she coordinated insurance for all student-athletes at the nation’s top public institute and premiere sports medicine department. During her summers, she interned with Dr. Terry Don Phillips,

the now retired Clemson athletic director, creating operations manuals and studying NCAA compliance issues.

Littlejohn earned her J.D. at Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she served as special intern to the director of athletics, and her B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Robert Raiola, C.P.A. is known as the “SportsTaxMan” on Twitter, where he has an impressive following of over 35,000 people and posts multiple times each day on sports and tax issues. As the Sports and Entertainment Group manager at O’Connor Davies, LLP, Raiola provides business management services, tax planning and business consulting to high net worth individuals and their families in the sports and entertainment industries.

Raiola is the co-author of *Winning Tax Strategies for Athletes & Entertainers*, and he is the founding trustee of the Chatham Athletic Foundation in Chatham, N.J., which promotes youth athletics and safety in athletics through public education programs. Raiola received his B.A. in accounting from Pace University.

Daniel Wallach is a shareholder with Becker & Poliakoff in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where his primary focus spans from constitutional law to land use and zoning to creditors’ rights to employment and family law.

Wallach, who has been called the “gaming law guru,” has written extensively about New Jersey’s efforts to legalize sports wagering, and has emerged as a frequent media commentator on sports law issues. He has been quoted in several recent *Sports Illustrated* articles about the Donald Sterling controversy and the sexual assault allegations against Jameis Winston. In addition, he has been interviewed by radio stations and news outlets throughout North America on a wide variety of other sports law topics, including the FCC’s elimination of its sports blackout rules, the legal challenges to the federal ban on state-regulated sports wagering, the Steve Moore-Todd Bertuzzi civil lawsuit, and the impact of the NFL’s new domestic violence policy on Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson.

After receiving his B.A. and his J.D., with distinction, from Hofstra University, Wallach clerked for the Honorable Jacob Mishler, former chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Warren Zola is the executive director of the Office of Corporate and Government Affairs at Boston College’s Carroll School of Management. Zola is also chair of Boston College’s Professional Sports Counseling Panel, where he counsels student-athletes on the transition from college to professional sports.

An attorney and thought leader in the business of sports and sports law, Zola has served as a guest expert on a Congressional roundtable discussion about reform in college athletics. He has authored a number of articles on the topic, including “Transitioning to the NBA: Advocating on Behalf of Student-Athletes for NCAA Rule Changes,” 3 *Harvard J. Sports & Ent. L.* 159 (2012). He is also relied upon by the national media for his insight and perspective on sports law, and is a regular guest columnist for *The Huffington Post* and executive editor of the *Sports Law Blog*.

Zola began his career in Boston College’s Department of Athletics, where he worked on various legal matters, facility development, and game operations. He received his B.A. from Hobart & William Smith Colleges, his J.D. from Tulane University, and his M.B.A. from Boston College.

Charleston Law Review is a general interest publication committed to the finest scholarship and research across a broad range of topics in the law. Its primary objective is to foster the knowledge and insight of students, practitioners, scholars and the judiciary through a traditional forum dedicated to augmenting the pursuit of innovative legal expression, composition and scholarship. Members of the Law Review contribute to this objective by editing articles, writing notes and actively participating in all aspects of the publication process.

The Charleston Law Review is an independent organization composed entirely of second and third year students at the Charleston School of Law. In order to gain membership on the Charleston Law Review, students must compete in a writing competition that begins after spring semester finals have concluded. After completion of the writing competition, offers for membership are made to students based on a combination of grades and the scored writing piece. By participating in the publication process, members of the Charleston Law Review receive invaluable analytical skills and extensive legal writing and editing experience.

Since its founding in 1999, *The Riley Institute at Furman* has made substantial progress in broadening student and community perspectives on critical issues and in helping break down barriers to economic and social well-being for all South Carolinians to make the state a better place to live.

Aimed toward outcomes that empower students, community members, the University, the state and the region, the non-partisan institute has three primary focus areas: education policy, diversity, and critical issues. Initiatives in these areas include the groundbreaking Hewlett study on public education in South Carolina and partnering to bring New Tech High Schools to the I-95 corridor; its statewide Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI); high quality symposia featuring an outstanding roster of distinguished speakers; and student-centered programming that engages students in politics, public policy and leadership through collaborative research, study abroad opportunities, and internships.

The Institute is now focusing on strategies that leverage its well-developed work in education policy, diversity, and critical issues to drive creative and pragmatic initiatives in the state, region, and nation. This strategic work will include collecting, creating, and sharing knowledge about the best diversity and education practices and models, fostering collaborations among public and private partners to help put them on the ground, and building leadership and capacity for positive change.

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