So, you’re interested in Sports Law . . .

Wondering how to mix your passion for sports with your legal education? Consider these resources and opportunities:

PLACES WHERE LAWYERS INTERESTED IN SPORTS ARE FOUND:

General Counsel’s Offices for Athletic Associations and Other Organizations

Attorneys working as general counsel will handle all of the legal work for the organization. This may include employment contracts, intellectual property, sports litigation and arbitration, and various other legal issues that arise.

The Office of Career Strategy also maintains a number of related resources for those students considering a career in sports law, including: Entertainment Law Careers and The U.S. Directory of Entertainment Employers.

Law Firms

A number of law firms have a designated “sports law” practice area. Oftentimes, sports law issues are also handled by other practice areas, such as copyright, corporate, etc. A few law firms that handle sports law issues can be found below:

- **Greenberg Traurig** is a large firm with a sports and entertainment law practice group
- **O’Melveny & Myers** is a large firm with an entertainment, sports and media practice group
- **Ropes & Gray** is a large firm with a sports law practice group
- **Williams & Connolly** is a large firm with a sports law practice group
- **Sports Links Central** provides a comprehensive list of law firms with sports law practice groups

To find additional firms dealing with these issues, boutique “entertainment law” and/or “sports law” firms will handle sports law issues. These firms can be found by searching [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com)
Sports Management/Representation Agencies

Attorneys who work with Sports Management Agencies typically handle management and employment contracts, intellectual property licenses and disputes, endorsement deals, and so forth. Click here to read an interview with sports attorney and agent Jim Kuzmich.

A sampling of management agencies with legal employment opportunities include:

- Axiom Sports & Entertainment
- IMG Worldwide
- Octagon Sports Marketing & Management

Additionally, the Sports Agent Blog provides a listing of Management Agencies sorted by sport.

SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Below are some posted summer internship programs in sports law:

Professional Leagues such as

- Major League Baseball (New York) MLB offers a general internship program; applicants can specify interest in Legal Business Affairs department (search for “internship,” then “2011 summer internship” or “mlb.com 2011 summer internships”)
- Major League Soccer – Legal Department (New York)
- National Football League (New York) The NFL offers general and legal summer internship programs (search for “internship” then “legal/corporate”)
- United States Tennis Association – Legal Intern (White Plains, New York)

Other sports associations

- NCAA (Indianapolis, IN) search ‘Employment” and select National Office Current Openings to view their Summer Law Clerk position (for summer 2012, posted in November with an early January deadline)
- U.S. Olympic Committee – Law Clerk/Intern (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

Sports news:

- CBS: College Sports Network – Legal Intern (New York) (Search for “Legal” postings)
- Fox Cable Networks (Los Angeles) Includes internships with Fox Sports Network

Sports agency

- Octagon Sports Marketing & Management - Legal Intern (Mclean, Virginia)
- The Law Office of Jaia Thomas – Sports Intern (various)
INTERN Ships/EMPLOYMENT DATABASES

Internships-USA (requires password)
The Sports Internship Book

Sports Agent Blog
Lists internships (primarily non-legal) at sports agencies

WorkinSports.com:
Provides listings for sports law employment and internship openings across the United States.

JobsinSports.com:
Provides a link to “Sports Law Jobs” at the bottom of the homepage.

The Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association has a job board for positions in the sports and entertainment industry.

Sports Lawyers Association
Posts sports law jobs—member access only

STUDY ABROAD

These study abroad programs focus exclusively on sports law issues.

South Texas College of Law: International Sports Law Summer Program in Florence, Italy


University of San Diego School of Law: Summer Program in London, England (offers courses in both International Entertainment Law and International Sports Law)

CONFERENCES

Sports Industry Networking and Career Conference: “The SINC Conference is all about networking. Our goal is to connect those who are passionate about pursuing jobs within the sports industry, with the executives who are in a position to give them that opportunity.”

ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries: Has an annual educational conference.
The Sports Lawyers Association: Has an annual educational conference.

Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association: Has an annual education conference
Ivy Sports Symposium: annual sports business conference

W&L LAW ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

The following individuals currently practice sports law and have offered to serve as resources to current W&L Law students:

Shana Levine, Associate Director of Athletics, Washington & Lee University (Undergraduate Class of 2001)

The following W&L graduates currently practice sports law:

Stokely G. Caldwell, Jr., Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. (Law Class of 1986)
William H. King, III, Partner, Lightfoot Franklin White LLC (Undergraduate Class of 1986)
Gene A. Marsh, Of Counsel, Lightfoot Franklin White LLC (Law Class of 1981)
Stephen W. Robinson, Partner, McGuireWoods (Undergraduate Class of 1972; Law Class of 1975)

LOOKING TO LEARN MORE?

The Sports Business Journal (the “bible of the business”):

The Sports Lawyers Association:
http://www.sportslaw.org

Sports Marketplace Directory: a detailed, comprehensive reference guide to the sports industry. Profiling thousands of sports organizations, teams, sponsors, agents, etc.
http://www.greyhouse.com/sports.htm

The Sports Law Blog:
http://sports-law.blogspot.com
Article: How do I Get a Job in Sports Law?
(this site also posts sports law job opportunities)

The Sports Agent & Sports Lawyer Blog:
http://www.sportsagentlawyer.com/sports_law/
(site monitored by Wolf Sports Management and Koch, Parafinczuk & Wolf)

The Sports Agent Blog:
http://www.sportsagentblog.com/
Internship Listings (primarily non-legal): http://www.sportsagentblog.com/internships/
Entertainment & Sports Lawyer:  
http://www.entertainmentandsportslawyer.com/Entertainment_Sports_Lawyer.html  
(this is also a good example of how a recent law school graduate is attempting to market himself to prospective sports law employers)

National Sports Law Institute:  
http://law.marquette.edu/cgi-bin/site.pl?2130&pageID=160  
(sponsored by Marquette University Law School)

Connecticut Sport Law: Covering the intersection between sports and law  
http://ctsportlaw.com/

Women in Sports and Events. WISE is the leading voice and resource for professional women in the business of sports and events.