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Webinar #52 - Enforcement of NCAA Rules and NIL Enforcement in the New and Dynamic World of Intercollegiate Athletics

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Meet Our Panelists

B. DAVID RIDPATH, Ed.D., Professor of Sports Business, Ohio University College of Business. Dr. Ridpath's primary research areas include intercollegiate athletics administration, governance, rules compliance, college athlete academic achievement and graduation rates. Publications focus on the ethics and components of the NCAA legislative, enforcement, and governance process and the intersection of educationally-based sport development and delivery in the US with other developmental programs throughout the world. Dr. Ridpath is the author of *Tainted Glory: Marshal University, the NCAA, and One Man's Fight for Justice* and *Alternative Models of Sport Development in America: Solutions to a Crisis in Education and Public Health.* An accomplished scholar, he has over 70 national and international refereed presentations and 30 peer reviewed and edited academic articles in print.

ROBERT BOLAND, J.D., Professor of Law, Seton Hall University. A nationally recognized sports law professor and practitioner, Dr. Boland previously served as Penn State University's first Athletics Integrity Officer, a role created after the Sandusky crisis. He has also led top sports management programs at NYU (2001–2015), as Academic Chair of the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management, and founding professor of its sports graduate program, and Ohio University (2015–2017), where he served as director of the MBA/Master's of Sports Administration program. Boland is currently partner and co-chair of the Leisure, Hospitality, and Sports Business Service line at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, a top national sports law firm. He is a graduate of Columbia University, where he was a varsity football player and wrestler, and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law.

LIBBY HARMON, J.D., Senior Counsel, Nevius Legal. Harmon currently serves as Senior Counsel at Nevius Legal, representing college athletes and brands in a variety of NCAA-related matters. Before joining Nevius Legal, Harmon served as lead investigator on numerous high-profile NCAA cases, including two men's basketball investigations tied to the federal bribery cases in the Southern District of New York. She has conducted hundreds of interviews, argued cases before the Committees on Infractions, and authored dozens of briefs addressing rules violations. Before joining the NCAA, she was Director of Compliance at the University of Michigan, overseeing rules education and monitoring for 29 sports and helping launch a program supporting elite and Olympic-level athletes. Harmon captained her University of Kansas track and field team and is an Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame inductee. She earned her law degree from the University of Kansas.

DON M. JACKSON, Esq., Founder and Principal, The Sports Group. Jackson is an international sports lawyer with over three decades of experience in arbitral , regulatory and legal matters. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Drake Group, an Adjunct Associate Professor of Sports Law at the Samford University, Cumberland School of Law and a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. He has counseled stakeholders in basketball, American football, baseball, athletics (track and field), tennis, hockey and international football (soccer). He is frequently called upon for expert analysis by the global sports media and has lectured extensively at universities and law schools worldwide. Jackson has authored two books, *Fourth Down and Twenty-five Years to Go: The African American Athlete and the Justice System (2007)* and 24 *Days: A Requiem to Family, Faith, Community, Education and Sport (2025).*

RICHARD KARCHER, J.D., Professor of Professor Health Promotion and Human Performance, Eastern Michigan University. Karcher was appointed as the university's Faculty Athletics Representative in February of 2022. His research and scholarship focuses on labor and ethical issues involving athletes and he is a co-author of a leading textbook on sport ethics for sport management professionals. He is frequently retained as a damages expert in cases involving athletes and has also provided expert testimony before Congress. Prior to entering academia, Karcher was a partner at Honigman LLP in Detroit, where he practiced corporate law and also represented and counseled athletes in business and litigation matters. Karcher is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Association of Professional Ball Players of America, having played in the Atlanta Braves farm system. Karcher also serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport* and the Advisory Council for The Drake Group.

JOSEPHINE (JO) R. POTUTO, J.D., Richard H. Larson Professor of Constitutional Law Emerita, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln. Potuto hosts a You Tube channel, Prof Jo Explains. She served for more than 20 years as the faculty athletic representative (FAR) for the University of Nebraska. She chaired the NCAA Division I Infractions Committee and served on the Division I Management Council. Potuto was president of the 1A FAR (faculty athletic representatives at NCAA Division I universities). She has authored more than 15 articles on collegiate sports, including a 2014 article that argued for NIL opportunities for student-athletes. She is a member of the American Law Institute, was the principal drafter of a drafting project for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), and was a consultant to NCCUSL's Athlete Agents Uniform Act. Potuto has testified before congressional and state legislative committees on sports law and constitutional issues. She consults and is an expert witness on Sports Law.