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Vice Chancellor for University Affairs & Athletics

Director of Athletics and Professor of Law

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Member of NCAA Enforcement Working Group

David Williams is currently serving as the Vice Chancellor for University Affairs & Athletics, Athletics Director and Professor of Law at Vanderbilt, Chair of NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, a member of NCAA Academic Cabinet and a member of NCAA Enforcement Working Group. Mr. Williams is a tenured full professor at the Vanderbilt School of Law, where he teaches Tax Law, Sports Law, and Law and Education. In addition, he teaches a course on Law and Higher Education at Vanderbilt's Peabody College.

Mr. Williams serves as one of the Vice Chancellors at Vanderbilt University where he oversees Student Affairs, the Recreation Center and Student Athletics.

Mr. Williams is a member of the State Bars of Tennessee, and Michigan, as well as the District of Columbia Bar. He is an active member of the American Corporate Counsel Association (ACCA) and the American Bar Association (ABA). He is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) Board. Mr. Williams is a member of the ABA's Bar Admissions Committee and has served as a member of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions Standards Review Committee and the ABA's Standing Committee on Public Education.

As a member of ABA's Section of Business Law, Mr. Williams has served as Co-Chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee. He also has served on a number of ABA Accreditation site visits of Law Schools and has completed a three-year term for the Membership Review Committee of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS). Mr. Williams is currently serving his second three-year term as a member of the Nashville Branch of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Board, and his second one-year term as Chair. Mr. Williams is serving as a member of the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee and the NCAA General Counsel Advisory Board.

Mr. Williams is active in the Nashville community, serving as Treasurer and member of the Nashville Symphony Board of Directors as well as Chair of its Finance Committee. He serves as Treasurer and member of the Nashville Public Television Board and is Chair of its Finance Committee. In addition to serving as a board member for many other non-profit organizations in the community, Mr. Williams recently served as a member and Chair of the School Funding Task Force for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, and currently serves on the Mayor's Procurement Standards Board. Mr. Williams has written, lectured and participated in many seminars on topics of tax law, sports law, law and education and legal history. He has taught at the Law Schools of the University of Detroit, Capital University, The Ohio State University and Vanderbilt University. He directed The Ohio State University Law Program in Oxford, England in 1992 and 1995.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science (Social Science) and Master of Arts (Education) from Northern Michigan University; a Master of Business Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Detroit; and an LL.M. (Taxation) from New York University.

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**Rodney K. Smith**

*Professor of Law
Director, Center for Sports Law & Policy at Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Board Member, National Sports Law Negotiation Competition*

Rodney K. Smith received his B.A. from Western Colorado State College, his J.D. with honors from Brigham Young University, and his LL.M and SJD from the University of Pennsylvania, and holds honorary doctorates from Capital University and Southern Virginia University. He currently serves as a Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Sports Law and Policy at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

He previously served as President of Southern Virginia University and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Academy for Liberal Education. Professor Smith has served on the International Board of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and recently served as a Visiting Professor at the Washington and Lee College of Law teaching Sports Law in their nationally recognized practicum. Professor Smith previously served as dean of the schools of law at Capital University, the University of Montana, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He also taught at the University of North Dakota, Widener University, Brigham Young University, and the University of San Diego. Professor Smith held the Herff Chair of Excellence in Law and served as interim dean at the University of Memphis immediately prior to his service as President at Southern Virginia University.

Professor Smith is also the author of more than twenty-five scholarly articles and is recognized for his scholarship in the freedom of religion and sports law areas. He writes regularly for the opinion sections many newspapers, including USA Today, The Christian Science Monitor, Washington Times, Houston Chronicle, Commercial Appeal (Memphis), Union Tribune (San Diego), Deseret News (Salt Lake City), etc., and regularly appears as a commentator on radio and television programs.

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**Randy M. Grossman, Esq.**

*Adjunct Professor of Law, Attorney, and Certified MLBPA
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Randy M. Grossman is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where he has taught Sports Law since 2000 and also teaches Trial Practice. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Professor Grossman is certified as a player agent by the Major League Baseball Player's Association and represents former players as well, such as Hall of Famer Dave Winfield and 7-time All-Star Tim Lincecum. During the course of his career, he has worked with players ranging from Hank Aaron to Willie Mays. As an NSLNC Board Member, Professor Grossman is responsible for bringing in speakers and judges for the Competition and Conference, along with other activities and oversight.

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**Lindsay Demery, J.D.**

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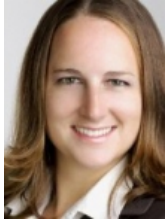
Lindsay was a leader in sports during law school and has extended that into her career post-law school. During law school she was an Athletics Compliance Graduate Intern with UC San Diego and reviewed and evaluated over 600 student-athlete's eligibility qualifications. She was a research assistant to both attorney Joshua Winneker and Professor Rodney K. Smith. Lindsay was the Vice-President of the Sports Law Society at Thomas Jefferson School of Law during her time there. She is a 2013 graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law. She holds an MBA from CSU Sacramento (2010), and a Bachelor of Arts from UC Davis in Communication, Textiles and Clothing (2009). Lindsay assisted with the Center for Sports Law and Policy Whitepaper: "Solving the Title IX Conundrum in an Equitable Manner: Starting Intercollegiate Women's Football."

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**Erika Torrez**

Law Student

Erika is currently a law clerk at Geiger Law Office, P.C. in Carlsbad, CA. She is also a San Diego State University Compliance Intern where she researches NCAA violations. Erika was formerly a California State University, Long Beach Compliance Intern in 2012. Erika also has worked for the Charlotte Bobcats in HR/Promotions and as a Game Day Intern in 2007. She currently attends Thomas Jefferson School of Law (expected 2014 graduate) and is involved with the Center for Sports Law and Policy and the Sports Law Society. Erika graduated from UNC Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing (2008). Lastly, Erika assisted with the Center for Sports Law and Policy Whitepaper: "Solving the Title IX Conundrum in an Equitable Manner: Starting Intercollegiate Women's Football."



Claire M. Zovko, Esq.
Attorney, Educator, and Sports Business Consultant

Claire M. Zovko serves as of-counsel to the Michael L. Buckner Law Firm on issues relating to intercollegiate athletics and higher-education law. Ms. Zovko also is the founder of Sports Law Chat, which is a Twitter chat and blog dedicated to informed discussions on relevant topics of sports law. Additionally, she co-teaches the Olympic Games & the Law course at the University of Miami School of Law. In the fall 2013 semester, she will teach a new course within the University of Miami Sport Management program titled the Globalization of Sport.

Ms. Zovko has worked with the NBA's Seattle Supersonics/Oklahoma City Thunder, the WNBA's Seattle Storm and the University of Miami athletics compliance office. Ms. Zovko also has traveled abroad as a teaching assistant for international sports law programs in Florence, Italy; Lausanne, Switzerland; and London, England during the 2012 London Olympic Games. She has assisted with sports law appeals for FIBA players/agents/coaches, a sport federation (before the Court of Arbitration for Sport), Olympic athletes and NCAA student-athletes.

Ms. Zovko serves as a board member of Sports Leadership. She runs the University of Miami School of Law intra-school baseball arbitration competition and has coached the winning University of Miami team at the 4th Annual Tulane National Baseball Arbitration Competition. She is an active member of the Sports Lawyers Association.

Ms. Zovko received a B.A. in Business Administration and a Mathematics minor from Pacific Lutheran University, where she played collegiate basketball, and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. A native of Seattle, Ms. Zovko is licensed to practice law in Florida. You can follow Claire on Twitter where she frequently tweets on sports law and business at @clairezovko.

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Brandon Leopoldus is a solo practitioner in Los Angeles, CA, focusing in the areas of employment, product defect, entertainment, and sports law. After completing a career as a minor league baseball umpire, he worked in the front office of the Mountain Collegiate Baseball League as the Director of Baseball Operations, before attending Thomas Jefferson School of Law and working for Mandalay Sports. As an NSLNC Board Member, Brandon is responsible for working with Professor Rod Smith to oversee the select current TJSL students who help to draft the Competition negotiation problems, and provide insight and ideas from the sports law world.

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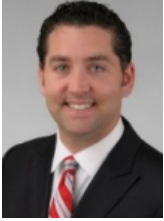
Joy L. Delman
Professor of Law

Professor Delman has a varied background in civil litigation with an emphasis in medical malpractice. While at law school, she was editor of the American Criminal Law Review. After graduation she was selected for a judicial clerkship in Pennsylvania. Upon completing her clerkship, she worked in a large Philadelphia firm, where she specialized in medical malpractice litigation. Moving to San Diego, she joined the litigation department of the city's largest law firm. Professor Delman also served as counsel to a medical products corporation.

Since she joined the faculty, she has served as faculty advisor to the Law Review, Society of Law and Medicine, student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She is a member of the American College of Legal Medicine. She was a national lecturer for a major bar review, served on the Advisory Board of the Lawyer's Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, and is on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. Professor Delman is very involved in reproductive rights. She teaches the only law school course on Reproductive Justice in San Diego. Professor Delman has been listed in Who's Who in American Women.

Professor Delman's recent scholarship has been in the area of concussion litigation. She presented a paper on Concussion Litigation at the American Academy of Neurology, as well as one on Concussions in Youth Sports at a Continuing Legal Education seminar on Concussion Litigation. She participated in the Thomas Jefferson School of Law conference Gladiators in the 21st Century: Violence and Injuries in the Athletics, and will be a presenter at the upcoming Sports Law and Policy Conference at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Courses include: Torts, International Bioethics, Health Care Liability and Reproductive Justice.



Ben Coughlan, Esq.
Trial Attorney at Gomez Iagmin

Ben is a trial attorney at Gomez Iagmin Trial Attorneys devoted entirely to representing individuals who have suffered catastrophic personal injuries. Ben began working for Gomez Iagmin Trial Attorneys in 2011. He has worked extensively on issues involving traumatic brain injuries, automobile accidents and dangerous premises. Ben believes strongly in giving his clients the personal attention necessary to achieve the justice they deserve.

In 2013, Ben was named one of the Top 10 Personal Injury Attorneys in San Diego by the San Diego Daily Transcript. Ben was also selected in 2013 to attend the prestigious TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy, where he received top marks in scoring for both his cross-examination and closing argument by the Honorable Janet Berry of the Second Judicial District Court.

Prior to joining Gomez Iagmin, Ben clerked for criminal defense attorneys Robert and Dana Grimes. He also interned for former San Diego Padres Vice President/General Counsel Katie Pothier.

Ben earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego's School of Law. During law school, he focused on trial practice, competing on the University of San Diego's National Mock Trial Team. Additionally, Ben was a teaching assistant for the lawyering skills program, after being named best overall advocate in his first year legal writing and research class.

Before pursuing a career in law, Ben spent four years in the media relations department of the San Diego Padres, focusing on team publications, player and team public relations, and media relationships. Ben has also worked in public relations and marketing for Beaman Public Relations in Chicago and the Chicago Bears. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Ben and his wife Kathleen believe strongly in giving back to their hometown of San Diego. They are involved with several charitable organizations including the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego. Ben and Kathleen are lifelong fans of all San Diego sports teams – especially the San Diego Padres, where they met as coworkers in 2008.

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Ron Mix is a former professional football player with the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979. His law practice is focused on representing retired athletes in claims for workers' compensation benefits. As an advocate for increased pension and health benefits, he has served as past President of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Players Association and the NFLPA Retired Players Section. He was one of six retired players appointed by Roger Goodell, the Commissioner of the NFL, to assist in determining how the \$620 Million Dollar Legacy Fund would be distributed to retired players. In the Class Action litigation filed by retired NFL players against the NFL and NFL Films for alleged image rights violations, he was appointed by the Federal Court, along with Jim Brown and five others, to serve on the Board of Directors of the three legal entities will determine how the proposed \$50 Million Dollar settlement will be monitored for retired player benefits.

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Rey Hernandez, Esq.
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Rey Hernandez led the La Jolla High Varsity Vikings as head coach, starting in 2008. Currently, Hernandez is a practicing lawyer and well versed in football and the effects on the players. A leader in the San Diego community, Hernandez graduated from TJSI in 1986.

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James Paterson is a Senior Associate with Anzarut & Holm, a corporate law firm based in Melbourne, Australia, specializing in capital raising issues and business acquisitions and divestments. He is admitted to practice law in Victoria, Australia, as well as New York, USA. His sports law practice includes advising on corporate governance issues as well as corporate sponsorships, including contracts relating to the Australian Football League and its member clubs, the National Rugby League, and motor sport events.

James is the Co-Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria's Sports Law Committee, as well as acting as a Director for Water Polo Victoria and as the honorary solicitor to the Victorian Amateur Football Association, the largest amateur Australian rules football league in Australia.

James has completed a Masters in Commercial Law at the University of Melbourne, specializing in sports law. He has had a number of articles published in a variety of journals in both Australia and the United States, including in the Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association Journal, the Company and Securities Law Journal and the New York State Bar Association's Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Journal.

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