



2016
**NATIONAL SPORTS LAW
NEGOTIATION COMPETITION**

Friday, September 23–Sunday, September 25

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6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SPORTS LAW NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

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History & Vision of the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition

The annual National Sports Law Negotiation Competition (NSLNC) is hosted and organized by the Center for Sports Law & Policy (CSLP) at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California, every September.

The NSLNC was created by sports and academic professionals with law students in mind as they enter the legal community. The NSLNC's purpose is to give back to law students a great experience, competition, and place to meet like minds in the sports law industry. Our mission is to provide the sports profession with able and ready legal minds through negotiation competition training.

The fact patterns for the Competition are modeled toward current issues in the sports industry. Student competitors negotiate select fictional disputes in an academic setting in front of a panel of judges. The fact patterns negotiated allow students to focus on more than one area of sports law, including: contract negotiation, trading of players, salary demands, endorsement contracts, athlete and sports professionals family and personal issues, intellectual property, and more.

It is our hope that you enjoy the yearly competition weekend, which includes a weekend of social activities, the competition, and of course meeting future lawyers, agents, current sports professionals, and judicial officers from across this great Country, and the World, in America's finest city, San Diego, California.

Jeremy M. Evans, Esq. '11

Director, Center for Sports Law & Policy



2015 Southwestern Champions and Final Round Judges

NSLNC 2016 SCHEDULE

All Events hosted at Thomas Jefferson School of Law: 1155 Island Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101, unless noted as an offsite event. **No parking is provided at the Law School.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00–8:00pm

Friday Night Mixer

8th floor roof-top of the Law School. Refreshments and appetizers provided.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6th Annual National Sports Law Negotiation Competition

Conference rooms and classrooms on floors one through three of the Law School. Round 1, Sessions A and B, Round 2, Sessions A and B.

8:30–9:15am

Judges First Round Briefing, Competitor Check-in, and Intros (Competitor teams, coaches and advisors in room 325)

Coffee, tea, water, and soda will be provided with a continental breakfast.

9:30am–12:45pm

Round One: Sessions A and B

Conference rooms and classrooms on floors one through three of the law school except rooms 323 and 325.

12:45–1:45pm

Break

Competitors, Coaches, and Volunteers: Coffee, tea, water, and soda will be provided beginning in the morning until 3:45pm in room 325. Food: Lunch in room 325.

1:00–1:30pm

Judges Second Round Briefing and Lunch

1:45–5:05pm

Round Two: Sessions A and B

Conference rooms and classrooms on floors one through three of the law school.

5:15–6:05pm

Competitor Certificate Presentation, Announcement of Final four teams

Light refreshments served. Roof-top, 8th Floor of the Law School.

7:00pm–close

Saturday Night Gaslamp Mixer (optional)

Double Deuce, 528 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6th Annual National Sports Law Negotiation Competition

Moot Court Room, second floor of the Law School. Final Round, Sessions A and B.

8:00–8:30am

Judge's and Competitor separate briefings

Competitors in room 216. Breakfast, coffee, tea, and water provided to the Final Round teams and the judges only.

8:30–11:50am

Two final round sessions (top four teams) and announcement of Champion

11:50am–12:00pm

Awards Ceremony and Photos.

End of NSLNC.

NOTE – each Session will be as follows:

HEAT

45 minutes for negotiating

10 minutes break for preparing self-analysis

10 minutes for self-analysis for one team

10 minutes for self-analysis for other team

20 minutes to finish scoring and joint feedback session from the judges

TOTAL

95 minutes

FINALS

There is one round with two sessions that will take three hours, with a five minute break in between sessions A and B

NSLNC 2016 COMPETITION TEAMS

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Tempe, AZ

TEAM Dominic Kearns
Eric Cascio

California Western School of Law

San Diego, CA

TEAM 1 Summer Main
Roger Hinojosa

TEAM 2 Shelby Shelton
Khellya Okonur Osei

TEAM 3 Spencer Webster
Joshua Stutz

Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Orange, CA

TEAM 1 Joy Diaz
Sean Cruz

TEAM 2 Jeff Farano
Weston O'Connor

TEAM 3 Michelle Rivers
Spencer Shain

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Cleveland, OH

TEAM Andrea Liguore
William Hrabnicky

Florida A&M University College of Law

Orlando, FL

TEAM 1 Christopher Eaddy
Roger Powell

TEAM 2 Kyle Marcil
Gerrod Smith

Fordham University Law School

New York, NY

TEAM 1 Jesse Bader
Rebecca Laitman

TEAM 2 Rachele Polsky
Edgar Mendoza

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Arlington, VA

TEAM Mike Galgano
Blake Browning

Marquette University Law School

Milwaukee, WI

TEAM Nicholas Overbay
Nicholas Sulpizio

Pace University School of Law

White Plains, NY

TEAM Melissa Reitberg
Shivani Trivedi

Pacific Coast University, School of Law

Long Beach, CA

TEAM Neda Bolourchi
Anuar Rashid Jureidini Valadez

Pepperdine University School of Law

Malibu, CA

TEAM 1 Rachel Luba
Alex Tabolsky

TEAM 2 Ellery Gordon
Jordan Matthews

Quinnipac Law School

Hamden, CT

TEAM Jonathan Aubin
Patrick Roy

Santa Clara University Law School

Santa Clara, CA

TEAM Kevin LaBarbera
George Buckham

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Dallas, TX

TEAM 1 Joanna Firth
Ethan Herrema

TEAM 2 Grace Ann Whiteside
Tasheena Burd

Southwestern Law School

Los Angeles, CA

TEAM 1 Ashley Miller
Bridgette Windham

TEAM 2 Nicole Pronk
Paolo Artolozaga

TEAM 3 Sara Bagdasaryan
Lauren McGee

Texas A&M University School of Law

Fort Worth, TX

TEAM 1 Gabrielle Morales
Kirby Wallace

TEAM 2 Brisha Gardner
Steven Traeger

TEAM 3 Ryan Campbell
Trey White

TEAM 4 Chris Hamilton
Jessica Holtman

Texas Tech University School of Law

Lubbock, TX

TEAM 1 Brent Debnam
Derek Mergele

TEAM 2 Teresa McGonagill
Anna Watkins

Thomas Jefferson School of Law

San Diego, CA

TEAM Andrei Dumitrescu
Charles Misuraca

Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law

Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

TEAM Richard Wong
Nathan MacDermott

UC Berkeley School of Law

Berkeley, CA

TEAM Nikhil Sharma
Faye Whiston

UC Hastings School of Law

San Francisco, CA

TEAM 1 Skyler Sugimoto
Matthew Reneris

TEAM 2 Penney Azizi
Mitchell Song

TEAM 3 Andrea Isaacs
Danielle Santucci

University of South Dakota School of Law

Vermillion, SD

TEAM Brianna Lear
Ryker Tieszen

Western State College of Law

Fullerton, CA

TEAM 1 Juliet Buff
Chris Phann

TEAM 2 Melissa Padilla
Steve Alvarado

NSLNC 2016 NEGOTIATION FACT PATTERNS

ROUND

1

“Fourth and 1”

*Ray Rice vs.
The New England Patriots*

ROUND

2

“Bump, Set, Spike”

*2019 Beach Games in San Diego:
ANOC vs. SDEF*

FINAL

“Sinking the Putt”

*Bryson Lee vs.
Callaway Golf Company*

RECOGNITION

Special recognition and thank you to the 2016 NSLNC Fact Pattern Drafting Committee with the Center for Sports Law & Policy at Thomas Jefferson School of Law for their assistance in preparing the Fact Patterns for the Competition.

We would also like to thank the Sports Law Fellows with the Center for Sports Law & Policy at Thomas Jefferson School of Law for their volunteer efforts ensuring a successful competition.

FIRST AND SECOND ROUND JUDGES

We are always honored to have distinguished attorneys, academic leaders, arbitrators, mediators, sports professionals, and members of the bench as the judges for the Competition. On behalf of the Center for Sports Law & Policy at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and all the participating schools, we thank you all for your time and commitment to the success of this event:

Farhana Akther '15 – Rejali Law Firm, APLC

Zoe Anderson '13 – Attorney at Balboa Manufacturing Co., LLC

Charles Bateh – Agent at CGB Management, Inc.

Ashley Brien '09 – Attorney at Rosenthal & Marsh, LLP

Scott Carter – Executive Vice President at Sports 1 Marketing

Anthony Chance – NFLPA Certified Agent

Travis Clarke '06 – Vice President, Action Sports/Olympics at Wasserman Media Group

Robert Colosia '93 – Attorney at Group C Sports Law

Chad Dechowitz – Graduate Manager (Men's Basketball Team) at University of San Diego

Michelle Evenson '15 – Attorney at Law Office of Michelle V. Evenson

Jason Fiske '08 – Assistant Dean for Program Development and Distance Education at Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Jim Fitzsimmons '84 – Consultant at Fitzsimmons Coaching

Brenda Foster '07 – Attorney at Law Offices of Craig R. Russell

Jenny Goldman '12 – Attorney at Goldman Legal

David Gomez – Attorney at Law Offices David F. Gomez, P.C.

Sean Gosselin – Contract Counsel at Irvine Scientific

Justin Heim '12 – Associate Attorney at Napoli Bern Ripka Shkolnik

Michael Huynh '11 – Associate Attorney at Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell & Jimenez

Cheryl Kilcheski '11 – Director of Development at App-Ology

Debolina Kowshik – Patent Attorney at Kowshik Law PLLC

Lacy J Lodes '08 – Of Counsel at Hex Entertainment, LLC

Hon. William McCurine (Ret.) – Private Mediator at Judicate West

Brandon Naidu – Attorney at Law Office of Brandon S. Naidu

Emile Nicolau '06 – Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs at Critical Content

Larry Palme – Vice President and Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley

Larissa Pereira – Attorney

Adam Rosenbaum '13 – Associate Attorney at Gerard Fox Law

Philip Shapiro '85 – Attorney at Law Office of Philip A. Shapiro

Ryan Smith – CEO/NFLPA Certified Agent at 7 Sports Group

Melanie Smith – Attorney at Selman Breitman LLP

Jade Smith – Attorney

Parker Smith '12 – Managing Attorney at Sy and Smith, PC

Zach Spear – Associate Attorney at Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman LLP

Marlon Tucker '01 – Owner and Managing Member at Team Sports West

Abrina Wheatfall '12 – Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance at University of California, San Diego

Raymond Wilson – Attorney at Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP

Tristan Younghaus '12 – Attorney at Coastal Pacific Law

FINAL ROUND JUDGES

We are particularly pleased and honored to have the following distinguished judges for the Final Round.



Marty Hochman
Assistant General Counsel
Callaway Golf Company



James McCurdy
President of the Pioneer League
Minor League Baseball



Chad Payne '07
Vice President & General Counsel
The Players' Tribune

THE NSLNC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Jeremy M. Evans is the Managing Attorney at California Sports Lawyer®, representing sports and entertainment professionals in contract drafting, negotiations, licensing, and career growth. He provides legal advice and general counsel services for businesses, which includes development, contract drafting, review, negotiations, protection, and compliance. He is often heard on ESPN radio and writes for Dodgers Nation, Scoutables, Front Office Sports, San Diego Lawyer, Law Newz, Entertainment & Sports Lawyer, and other publications, including Editor-in-Chief for the official magazine of the Solo & Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California. Evans is an award-winning attorney and community leader. As the Director, Jeremy oversees the Competition, the Advisory Committee, its mission, fact pattern drafting, logistics, and the delivery of an excellent experience.



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Brandon Leopoldus is a Sports Lawyer at Gerard Fox Law, P.C. in Los Angeles. His practice is focused in the areas of business, employment, entertainment, and sports law. He represents a number of sports officials including some at the Major League level and he is a contributing writer to Referee Magazine. 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 Properties. As part of the Advisory Committee, Brandon As part of the Advisory Committee, Jonathan is responsible for providing insight and ideas from the sports law world, editing the negotiation fact patterns, while assisting with bringing in judges for the Competition.



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Jonathan M. Stahler is licensed to practice in both Florida state and federal courts and an associate at KENNER + IMPARATO, PLLC. Mr. Stahler is also a Certified NBPA Agent. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and the David B. Falk Center for Sport Management, cum laude, with a B.S. in Sport Management. He received his law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and his Certificate for Sports Law and Policy from the Center for Sports Law and Policy. While in law school, Mr. Stahler was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, competing in a variety of sports and entertainment law competitions. Mr. Stahler brings extensive knowledge and passion working in sports, entertainment, and the law. His experiences working for SAG-AFTRA, Encore Sports & Entertainment, and 360 Sports LLC have helped increase his desire to positively affect and protect athletes, entertainers, and their families. He has been published in the Arizona State University Sports & Entertainment Law Journal, Spring 2014 edition writing about college athletes and compensation. As part of the Advisory Committee, Jonathan is responsible for providing insight and ideas from the sports law world, editing the negotiation fact patterns, while assisting with bringing in judges for the Competition.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our 2016 participating law schools, their student competitors, coaches, and faculty advisors.

We hope to see you for the 7th Annual NSLNC in 2017.

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