

# MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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In its fifth publication year, the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW, through the dedication of its members, faculty support, and outside following has been able to propel its status in the legal and sports community to new heights. The REVIEW has been has continued to accomplish its goals of building a renowned sports law publication through the diligent editing, writing, and selection of novel pieces by its members. The REVIEW's annual symposium has offered its members, the University of Mississippi School of Law, and Ole Miss students an exceptional experience and great opportunities to build new connections in the athletics community.

The REVIEW owes much of its continued success to William W. Berry III, our most ardent supporter and faculty advisor, Dean Deborah Bell and the law school administration. Most importantly, I would like to thank the REVIEW's outstanding members. Each member worked to support my goal of making this publication even finer than the years before it, and I am thankful to have had such a wonderful staff. I would also like to give a special thanks to the members of this year's executive board who worked tirelessly with me to improve our publication and ensure its successes will continue. The law school administration has supported our efforts and allows REVIEW members to receive academic credit for their yearly contribution to the publication. By maintaining its close relationship with Ole Miss Athletics, many members have received externship credit by working in the Compliance Office.

Although publication is the central focus of the MISSISSIPPI SPORTS LAW REVIEW, it is hard to ignore the growing success of our other endeavor, the annual sports law symposium. The REVIEW has always been dedicated to putting on an annual event to discuss the most hotly debated topic in the legal sports world

today. The topic of the symposium this past fall was GAME CHANGE: The NCAA's New Autonomy Structure. The REVIEW invited experts, from both the legal and athletic spheres, to discuss this issue. We were lucky to have Paul Bennett, the law school's Information Technology Coordinator, work with the REVIEW and law school administrators to stream the symposium live online for those not in attendance. The REVIEW would once again like to thank our symposium panel members, Ronald Rychlak, moderator Richard Gershon, and the Ole Miss Athletic Department for making our event such a success. The members of this year's panel included: Marc Edelman (Professor of Law at Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, City University of New York), Ross Bjork (Director of Athletics at the University of Mississippi), Bill McGillis (Director of Athletics at the University of Southern Mississippi), Leeland Zeller (Associate Director of NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs), and Greg Sankey (The Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference). These panelists provided unique perspectives and engaged in insightful discussion about the NCAA's autonomy structure and its effects on collegiate athletics.

The 2L members of the REVIEW are still required to write an academic article in order to receive academic credit. The writing requirement further validates membership and offers members the incredible opportunity to publish a scholarly article either with the REVIEW or in an outside publication. Volume 5 of the review will contain the most published student notes, which reveals our members' hard work and the REVIEW's commitment to publish worthy pieces. Moving forward, the REVIEW hopes to build on student scholarship, as constantly advocated by Professor William Berry, while continuing to publish novel articles written by professors and sports law experts.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Professor William Berry for all that has done and continues to do for our publication. He has guided the REVIEW since its inception and works fiercely with its members and the law school administration to move the publication forward. Thank you, Professor Berry, for your advice and guidance, and for being an unbelievable friend and advisor.

To the members of the REVIEW, our faculty and staff, and our readers thank you again for your continued dedication. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve as the REVIEW's fifth Editor-

in-Chief and I hope that our collective interest in sports law will continue to push this publication to further success.