

Law 392-R01 | Sports Law | Spring 2025 | 2 credits
Professor(s): Todd Flanagan
Wed. 8:10 – 10:10 pm EST | Final Exam: Mon. May 5, 6:00 pm EST

Reading(s): Sports Law and Regulation: Cases, Materials, and Problems, SIXTH Edition
by Matthew J. Mitten, Timothy Davis, N Jeremi Duru, Barbara Osborne

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COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

The course will chart the development of professional league sports. How the interplay of contract, tort, agency, anti-trust, and labor law created professional sports as we know them today. By the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the major cases in each area and the legal concepts which govern professional sports.

GRADING & PARTICIPATION

- Class participation - 20% of the grade
For each class, be prepared to discuss the assigned reading and any notes, questions, or problems from the text. Reading material in *italics* will be posted on TWEN.
 - 3 Quizzes – 10% each
 - Final – 50%
- Quizzes and Final will primarily be short answer with some multiple choice

COURSE SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 - Introduction to Sports Law/College Athletics
pp. 1-18, 93-130

Week 2 - College Athletics
pp. 93 – 141

Week 3 - College Athletics
141-182, 216 – 226

Week 4 – Coaches
pp. 287 – 326

Week 5 - Pro Sports
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Week 6 - Intro to Antitrust

pp. 346 – 402

Week 7 - Labor Relations

pp. 403 – 441

1944 NFL Player Contract (informational only)

Week 8 - Labor Relations

pp. 442 - 487

Week 9 – Antitrust and Labor Law

pp. 488 – 523

Week 10 - Agents

pp. 531 – 579

Week 11 – Agents

pp. 580 - 597

HA Artists

Wallace v. Branion

NFLPA v. Olken Week

Week 12 – Liability

pp. 759 – 807

Week 13 – Liability

pp. 807 – 838