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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW Baltimore, MD

Professor of Law (2016-present)
Associate Professor of Law with Tenure (2011-2016)
Assistant Professor of Law (2006-2011)

Leadership

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2017-2021)
Supervised team of nine staff members and directed all aspects of law school's academic operations, including student affairs, bar success, registration and enrollment, academic support, journals and advocacy teams, adjunct faculty, and the second-semester legal writing program. Led creation of overall academic and bar success program and worked to adopt curricular reforms to align.

Director, Center for Sport and the Law (2010-present)
Established center that hosts yearly symposia and other academic programming related to Olympic, Paralympic, intercollegiate, professional, and youth sports. Developed community partnerships to create student internships.

Chair, Strategic Reimagining of Legal Analysis and Writing Curriculum (2023)
Led Committee and developed innovative curricular, hiring, fundraising, and communications vision for establishing law school as institution that cultivates student excellence in legal analysis, writing, and research. Ensure collaboration with university's undergraduate law school pipeline.

Director of Education, Fannie Angelos Program (2012-2020)
for Academic Excellence
Co-created educational component for and co-taught in support of highly successful law school academic support pipeline program in collaboration with Maryland HBCUs.

Awards

Association of American Law Schools Sports Law Section Annual Award (2024): honors an individual who has made a substantial and significant contribution to scholarship, teaching, and/or service in the area of law relating to sports.

University of Baltimore School of Law Outstanding Teaching Award (2023): selected annually by faculty to honor outstanding teaching by a full-time faculty member.

James May Faculty Award (2020): selected annually by students for outstanding teaching and service.

President's Faculty Award (2017): presented annually to University of Baltimore faculty member for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Courses Taught

Civil Procedure I and II; Advanced Civil Procedure; Sports Law; Topics in Sports Law; Torts; Introduction to Lawyering Skills

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

St. Louis, MO

Visiting Professor (Spring, 2021-present)

Teach Topics in Sports Law

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Baltimore, MD

Law School Assistant Professor &

Assistant Director for Academic Achievement (2002-2006)

Created academic support program; taught Legal Analysis & Writing; Sports Law; Reasoning and Rhetoric

PUBLICATIONS

Books

More Than Play: How Law, Policy, and Politics Shape American Youth Sport (Univ. Cal. Press, 2025)

Book Chapters

Deterring Regulation Through the Threat of Sportsocalypse in THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF SPORTS LAW AND GOVERNANCE (Annette Greenhow and John Wolohan, eds.)(2025)

"Keep It in the Locker Room": How Athletic Departments Stifle Controversy and Dissent, in NOT PLAYING AROUND: INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES, MEDIA REPRESENTATION, AND THE POWER OF SPORT, (Colombo-Dougovito et al., eds.)(co-authored with Frank LoMonte)(Rowman & Littlefield 2022)

The New Gender Equity in Elite Women's Sport, in THE HANDBOOK OF THE BUSINESS OF WOMEN'S SPORT (N. Lough & A. Geurin, eds.)(Routledge, 2019)

The Increasing Role of Disability Issues in U.S. Sports Law, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN SPORTS LAW (M. McCann, ed.)(Oxford, 2017)

Team Physicians, Sports Medicine, and the Law: An Update, in CLINICS IN SPORTS MEDICINE, vol. 35 (M. Miller & S. Thompson, eds.)(Elsevier, 2016)

Law Journals

Federal Legislation and College Sports Reform: Which Way Forward?, 93 FORDHAM L. REV. 1 (2025)(co-authored with Alfred Yen).

Identifying Youth Sport, 35 YALE J. L. HUMAN. 1 (2024)

The Pipeline to Title IX, 33 MARQ. SPORTS L. J. 53 (2022)(invited symposium contribution)

A More Just, Inclusive Future for Sports Law, 31 J. LEGAL ASPECTS OF SPORT 201(2021)(guest editor)

Magnifying the Problems with Collegiate Sports in The Impact of Covid-19 on Sports: A Mid-Way Assessment, INT'L SPORTS L. J. (July, 2020) <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s40318-020-00174-8.pdf>.

Amateur Regulation and the Unmoored United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, 9 WAKE FOREST L. REV. ONLINE 88 (Nov. 2019)

A Twenty-First Century Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 20 VAND. J. ENT. & TECH. L. 1027 (2018)

Where We Go After Nassar: The Future of Protecting Young Athletes, JURIST - Academic Commentary, Jan. 29, 2018, <http://jurist.org/forum/2018/01/dionne-koller-nassar-sports-medicine.php>.

Putting Public Law into "Private" Sport, 43 PEPP. L. REV. 681 (2016)

Sports, Doping, and the Regulatory "Tipping Point", 26 MARQ. SPORTS L. REV.181 (2015)(invited)

The Four Stages of Youth Sports TBI Policymaking: Engagement, Enactment, Research, and Reform, 43:1 J.L.MED. & ETHICS 87 (2015) (with K. Lowrey and H. Harvey)

The Obese and the Elite: Using Law to Reclaim School Sports, 67 OKLA. L. REV. 383 (2015)

How the Expressive Power of Title IX Dilutes Its Promise, 3 HARV. J. SPORTS & ENT. LAW (2012)

Not Just One of the Boys: A Post-Feminist Critique of Title IX's Vision for Gender Equity in Sports, 43 CONN. L. REV. 401 (2010) (lead article)

How the United States Government Sacrifices Athletes' Constitutional Rights in the Pursuit of National Prestige, 2008 B.Y.U. L. REV. 1465 (Fall 2008)

From Medals to Morality: Sportive Nationalism and the Problem of Doping in Sports, 19 MARQ. SPORTS L. J. 91 (symposium issue, Fall 2008)

Frozen in Time: The State Action Doctrine's Application to Amateur Sports, 82 ST. JOHN'S LAW REV. 183 (Winter, 2008)

Does the Constitution Apply to the Actions of the United States Anti-Doping Agency? 50 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 91 (symposium issue, Fall 2005)

SELECTED PUBLIC POLICY/MEDIA

Legislative Testimony: Testimony before the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, United States Senate, *Promoting a Safe Environment in U.S. Athletics*, March 20, 2024; Testimony in support of the *Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act*, Maryland House of Delegates, Jan. 27, 2021; Presentation before the Senate Bill 206 Statutory Community College Athlete Name, Image, and Likeness Working Group Public Hearings, *Title IX and Athlete NIL Rights*, Nov. 12, 2020; Testimony before the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, United States Senate, *Exploring a Compensation Framework for Intercollegiate Athletes*, July 1, 2020; Testimony in support of the *Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act*, Maryland House of Delegates, Feb. 18, 2020; Testimony in support of HB 548 *Collective Bargaining for Athletes in University System of Maryland*, March 2019.

Radio and Television: For Many Olympians and Paralympians, the Path To Paris is Self-Funded, NPR Marketplace (May 23, 2024); The Business of Youth Sports, <https://969thegame.iheart.com/content/2022-08-02-the-business-of-youth-sports/> (Aug. 2022); NBC Sports Podcast: In Their Court, Episode 5, the Sports Apocalypse: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/in-their-court/id1621762577> (May, 2022); Guest, *Show Me the Money*, MD Dems podcast, Ep. 23, Dec. 12, 2019; Guest, *Is it Time to Pay NCAA Athletes?*, Maryland Public Television Direct Connection, April 1, 2019; Guest, *Why Not Pay NCAA Athletes?*, The Kojo Nnamdi Show, WAMU 88.5, March 27, 2019; Guest, WBAL 11 TV Hill, *Winter Games: Doping and Russia*, February 4, 2018; Guest, *The NFL Lockout*, Maryland Public Television Direct Connection, March 7, 2011

Op-eds: *NCAA's Warnings About Olympic Teams Just "Sportsocalypse" Threats*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, April 18, 2024; *An Olympic Anti-Doping Champion*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, June 16, 2016; *What Flag Football Can Teach Baltimore About Improving Youth Sports*, Aspen Institute Project Play Blog, August 29, 2018; *Why Maryland Rejected Banning Tackle Football for Kids*, Aspen Institute Project Play Blog, March 29, 2018; *A Gold Medal Moment for Drug-Free Sports*, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, December 6, 2017; *Five Ring Fraud*, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, July 20, 2016; *Don't Go Easy on Maria Sharapova*, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, March 9, 2016; *High School Football: A Dangerous Game*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, November 20, 2013; *All U.S. Sports Need An Anti-Doping Agency*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, January 20, 2013; *What Title IX Means to Women's Athletics Today*, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETY FOR SPORTS MEDICINE at 38, 2013; *Title IX's 40th Anniversary: Thinking Beyond the Headlines*, FACULTY VOICE, Fall, 2012; *It's a Guy Thing at Penn State, and that's a Problem*, THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, November 21, 2011; *Title IX Isn't the Issue*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, September 18, 2009; *IOC's Failure on Gymnasts' Ages Taints Games*, THE BALTIMORE EXAMINER, August 31, 2008; *Trampling Athletes' Due Process Rights*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, March 29, 2007

Substantially Quoted: WASHINGTON POST, *Supreme Court rules unanimously against NCAA restrictions on colleges offering educational perks to compensate student-athletes*, June 21, 2021; *Better drug tests can stop cheaters. They also might punish innocent athletes*, June 18, 2021; USA TODAY: *Are college football players the 'guinea pig' for COVID-19 protocol planning at universities*, Jul. 17, 2020; *Senate hearing on NCAA name, image and likeness takes pointed turn toward COVID-19, athlete safety*, Jul. 1, 2020; *Sex abuse scandal highlights USOC's longstanding faults*, Feb. 21, 2019; *Horse trainer's suicide has equestrian community questioning sexual abuse investigations*, Jul. 9, 2019; WASHINGTON POST: *If college football players have complications from coronavirus, expect lawsuits to follow*, Aug. 17, 2020; TIME MAGAZINE, *Athlete of the Year, U.S. Women's Soccer Team*, 2019; LAW360, *Ball in Congress' court as states tackle athlete pay*, Aug. 26, 2020; NEW YORK TIMES: *Cup stacking, a sport whose growth runneth over*, March 31, 2016; SPORTS ILLUSTRATED: *The lawyer who took on the NFL over concussions has a new strategy that could devastate the NCAA*, Oct. 16, 2020; Yahoo! Sports: *Are H.S. sports in need of radical reform? And if so, how can it be done?*, Dec. 16, 2020

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025-present: *Mythbusting Participating Rights for Transgender Athletes*, moderator, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law (Jan. 2025).

2020-2024: *U.S. Sportswashing*, Baruch College Zicklin School of Business (Nov. 2024); Keynote address, *The Future of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement*, Maryland Sports Business Conference (April, 2024); *Identifying Youth Sport*, Sports Lawyers Association Annual Conference (May, 2023); Lewis & Clark Law School, Symposium Panelist: *Sports Law's New Dimensions* (October, 2022); Law and Society Association Annual Conference, *Identifying Youth Sport* (July, 2022); Harvard Law School Child Advocacy Program Paper Presentation Series, *Identifying Youth Sport* (March, 2022); Holy Cross College symposium, *The Law and Policy of Gender Equity in Sport* (October, 2021); Sports Lawyers Association: *To Unionize or not to Unionize: Representing Athletes in the United States and Abroad*, panelist (May, 2021); Baruch College symposium: *How the NCAA No Pay Rules Affect Female Athletes*, webinar panelist (April, 2021); *Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal*

Symposium: Name, Image, Likeness & The Amateur Athlete, webinar panelist (March 2021); *Athlete Safety: The Tragedy, Trials, and Truth of the Story of Jordan McNair*, webinar panelist for No Shortcuts program of the Center of Sport Business and Analytics (2020); *Athlete Sexual Abuse and the Regulation of U.S. Sport*, presented at the Screening of Broken Trust: Ending Athlete Abuse, (Feb. 2020); *Alliance Shift*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research (2020)(selected from call for papers).

2016-2019: *The Legal Significance of Sports Medicine*, Sport and Recreation Law Association Annual Meeting (2019); *Sexual Abuse of Olympic Athletes and the Legal Structure of U.S. Sport*, Association of American Law Schools Sports Law Section Annual Meeting (2019); *Teaching Sports Law*, Sports Lawyers Association Annual Conference (2018); *Project Play: Baltimore Huddle*, panelist and moderator (2017); *The Response to Concussions in United States and International Sports*, Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law Annual Symposium (2016)

2012-2015: *The Legal and Policy Implications of International Athletes Competing in the United States* (moderator), Sports Lawyers Association Annual Meeting (2015); *Hidden Assumptions and the Politics of Sports Law*, Sport and Recreation Law Association Annual Conference (2015); *Locker Rooms and the Laws of the Workplace: Bullying, Hazing and Harassment in Professional Sports* (moderator), Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (2015); *Concussions and the Role of Law in Sports*, presented at the scholars workshop during the National Sports Law Institute Annual Symposium, Marquette University School of Law (2014); *The Legal and Policy Response to Concussions: Implications for the Future*, Public Health Law Association Conference (2014); *The Legal Response to Concussions: Implications for the Future of Sports Law*, Sport and Recreation Law Association Annual Meeting (2014); University of Maryland symposium, *The State of Concussions: Protecting Athletes Through Advances in Law, Public Health and Science* (2014); *How the Politics of Title IX Can Undercut the Movement to Increase Women's Participation in Sports*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2013); *Redefining Education-Based Sports and the Politics of Title IX*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (2013); *Title IX and Beyond: How Do We Get the Rest of Our Girls in the Game*, Aspen Institute (2012)

2009-2011: *Defining the Content of Gender Equity in Sports*, Audrey-Beth Fitch Women's Studies Conference (2011); *How the Expressive Power of Title IX Dilutes its Promise*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (2010); *The Promise and Problem of Title IX*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (2010); *An Update on Legislative Efforts to Address Concussions in Youth Sports*, University of Baltimore School of Law Sports Law Symposium (2010); *Africa and the Olympic Games: Triumphs and Challenges*, University of Baltimore School of Law International Law Symposium (2010)

2006-2008: *Sportive Nationalism and the Problem of Doping in Sports*, American Enterprise Institute (2008); *The Constitutional Status of the United States Anti-Doping Agency*, University of Maryland School of Law Entertainment and Sports Law Symposium (2006)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Academic and Community Service:

Co-Chair, Commission on the State of United States Olympics and Paralympics (2021-2024)

Appointed by Sen. Maria Cantwell to lead 16-member, bi-partisan commission to conduct review of USOPC pursuant to *Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020*. Successfully co-developed budget and staffing plan and lobbied Congress for legislation granting Commission funding and revised timeline for

completion of study. Worked collaboratively with federal agencies to build out administrative infrastructure for Commission, including establishing funding accounts and completing and implementing staffing, technology, and records retention plans. Co-managed eight staff members. Comprehensive 277-page report delivered to Congress March 1, 2024.

Aspen Institute Sport and Society Program

Member, *Children's Rights in Sports Work Group* (2020-2021)(assisted in researching, writing, and launching policy initiative advocating for children's rights to and in sports)

Member, *Project Play: Baltimore* Advisory Group (2017-2018)

Guest Editor, JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF SPORT special issue on "Women in Sports Law" (2021)

Member of the Editorial Board, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SPORTS LAW (2017-present)

Chair, Association of American Law Schools section on Sports and the Law (2014; Executive Board, 2007-present)(led effort to create and sustain annual section award to recognize contributions to the field)

United States Anti-Doping Agency

Administrative Review Panel (2021-present)

Anti-Doping Review Board (2010 – 2021)

Advisor to the Board of Directors, The Jordan McNair Foundation (promoting awareness of heatstroke and heat-related illness in sports)(2020-present)

Member, *Eller v. USA Shooting* United States Olympic Committee Blue Ribbon Work Group (2015-2016)

Law School Service:

Committee Service (current and recent): Dean Search (chair); Academic Standards; Budget and Finance; Faculty Appointments; Faculty Research and Development; Excellence in Teaching (former chair); Fannie Angelos Program for Academic Excellence; Ad Hoc Committee on Bar Passage; Curriculum; Promotion and Tenure Policy.

Committee Service (past): ABA Self-Study Committee; Academic Student Services (chair); Ad Hoc Summer Research Stipends and Sabbaticals; Ad Hoc Committee on the Evening Division Curriculum; Building; Dean Search.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

LL.M. (2022)

Honors: Irving Oberman Memorial Prize: Family Law (awarded for best paper by a student in the area of family law for paper *Identifying Youth Sport*); Dean's Scholar Prize: Administrative Law

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

M.A. Philosophy and Social Policy (2001)

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor, with honors (1993)

Recipient, Columbian Women's Scholarship (awarded to women with financial need who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement and a commitment to their chosen profession); Winner, Student Trial Lawyers Trial Competition; Honors, Introduction to Advocacy; Member, Trial Court Board.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, with honors (1990)

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

OTHER EXPERIENCE

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Washington, D.C.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (1998-2001)

Visiting Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing & Acting Assistant Director, Legal Research and Writing Program (1998)

Professorial Lecturer in Law (1995-2001)

AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.

Washington, D.C.

Associate Attorney (1995-1998)

SWIDLER & BERLIN, CHARTERED

Washington, D.C.

Associate Attorney (1993-1995)

PILLSBURY MADISON & SUTRO

Washington, D.C.

Summer Associate (1992)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, Office of the General Counsel (1991-1993)

BAR ADMISSIONS: Virginia and District of Columbia; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

