

**SPORTS LAW  
SPRING 2009  
PROFESSOR JACOBS**

**SYLLABUS AND INTRODUCTION**

This is a course about the relationship between discrete areas of the law – contracts, torts, antitrust and labor law – and the business of sport. Some of you will know, or think that you know, a great deal about sport. But it's unlikely that many of you have considered it primarily as a business with many of the same problems as other businesses, and a few that are unique to the business of sport. Knowledge of sports is not a prerequisite for this course, nor should it interfere with one's approach to class. This is not a class about sports trivia. It's a traditional law school class, focusing on the application of various areas of law to a particular industry, in the same vein as Health Law, for example. Please prepare for class, every class; please do all of the assigned

reading; and please come to class prepared to discuss that reading and the issues that it raises.

The case book is Sports and the Law, by Weiler and Roberts. Unless otherwise noted, all reading assignments refer to pages in that book.

Student evaluation will be by means of an open-book, take-home final examination, or by a paper written under my supervision and pursuant to rules developed by me. I reserve the right, in my unfettered discretion, to raise the final grade of any student or students who participate intelligently in class discussion; and to lower the final grade of any student who is regularly unprepared or fails regularly to attend class.

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**READING ASSIGNMENTS - In addition to the readings from the text, I will assign newer cases as appropriate.**

Week One	pp. 1-80;
Week Two	pp. 80-160;
Week Three	pp. 160-221;
Week Four	pp. 221-262, plus article by Jacobs and Winter;
Week Five	pp. 262-327;
Week Six	pp. 327-383;
Week Seven	pp. 383-430;
Week Eight	pp. 431-489;
Week Nine	pp. 489-534;
Week Ten	pp. 534-591;
Week Eleven	pp. 591-635;
Week Twelve	pp. 635-683;
Week Thirteen	pp. 684-738;

Week Fourteen  
and new cases.

catch-up

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