

CALL FOR PAPERS for Section on Law and Sports Program
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The Section on Law and Sports is pleased to announce a Call for Papers from which one or two additional presenters will be selected for the section's program to be held during the AALS 2019 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Program Title: "The Dark Side of Sports: Crime, Corruption, and Cost"

Sports are usually thought of as a force for good, demonstrating values of teamwork, perseverance, and human achievement. Sports can unite communities and bridge cultural divides. However, as sports have become a big business and pervasive in popular culture, they are as susceptible as any industry to criminal activity and corruption, imposing significant costs on the many constituencies who make up and support the game. The risk of criminality in sport can manifest in management corruption, threats to the integrity of the game, and abuse of vulnerable athletes. Thus, recent prosecutions situated in the sports industry have charged bribery and kickback schemes in NCAA college basketball, the FIFA World Cup, and the 2016 Rio Olympics. Criminal investigations have targeted competitive manipulation in the form of performance enhancing drugs, sports gambling, and match-fixing. Convictions have been obtained against coaches and sports physicians for abusing young men and women in their care.

The uptick in law enforcement pursuit of criminality in sports is notable especially in the United States, where the sports industry has traditionally policed itself through contract-based rules, policies, and disciplinary authority. Sports entities have responded with renewed efforts to self-regulate, for example, the NCAA's sexual assault guidelines, professional leagues' gambling policies, and sports organizations' good governance reforms. But these efforts have not abated the calls for greater public regulation of sports, including the imposition of criminal penalties for sports industry misconduct. The public expects that sports will be played and administered in an honest matter, and any deviation increasingly invites government intervention.

This program examines what constitutes sports corruption and criminality that public policy and resources need to address. Is corruption and criminality in sports on the rise and, if so, what environmental factors may have engendered that rise? What is the appropriate legislative and law enforcement response to sports world misconduct? What forms of regulation or deregulation (e.g., pertaining to sports gambling) would be most effective in ameliorating the risks of corruption and criminality? To what extent can we rely on private association self-governance to manage these risks, and how can public law enforcement best collaborate with sports entities for the good of sport?

The program will include a speaker selected from this Call for Papers as follows:

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Eligibility: Only full-time faculty from AALS member institutions are eligible to submit papers.

Form and length of submission: Papers should be submitted in Microsoft Word and should not exceed 25,000 words (including footnotes).

Submission method and due date: Please e-mail your submission to Professor Jodi Balsam, Chair of the Section on Law and Sports, at jodi.balsam@brooklaw.edu, by **July 1, 2018**.

Submission review: Members of the Section's Executive Committee will review submissions and communicate decisions by late September 2018. Authors must rely on their own institutions for funding to attend the conference. Papers will be considered for publication in the Journal of the Legal Aspects of Sport.

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