

AGENDA



Entertainment & Sports Law Forum

Belmont University - College of Law
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Total Credits: 3 General 1 Dual

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT **Check-In and Light Breakfast**

12 - 1 p.m. CT

1 General

American Sports Betting: Five Years in the Making

It's been exactly five years since the United States Supreme Court struck down federal law prohibiting state-sanctioned sports betting. Today, 32 states and Washington, D.C., allow sports gambling either online or in person, and sportsbooks have taken over \$150 billion in legal wagers during that time. While significant boosts in state tax and gaming revenues quantify the sports betting boom, perhaps the most apparent by-product of American sports betting's ascendancy is its integration into the sports industry as a whole. After years of opposing the prospect of gambling on their respective games, each of the professional sports leagues (NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL) has put former grievances to bed and, through partnership agreements, licensing deals, and the sale of official league data, welcomed the business of betting to the business of sports.

In this program, we will discuss the evolution of the American sports betting landscape, from its limited existence in Las Vegas to its expansive presence across the country and emergence in the mainstream sports marketplace. Coverage will analyze national trends relative to Tennessee's specific sports betting framework, examine challenges the industry currently faces, and forecast what to expect in the years to come.

Alex Hall, Shuttleworth

1 - 1:15 p.m. CT

Break

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. CT

1 General

Entertainment Litigation – Options, Updates and Payments

Learn how artists now have the option to pursue copyright infringement claims with a lower cost consequence before the Copyright Claims Board, gain an understanding of the operations of the Copyright Royalty Board and get up to speed on the latest in entertainment litigation.

Michael Johnson, Kay Griffin
Colin Rushing

2:15 - 2:30 p.m. CT

Break

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CT

The Evolving Production Agreement: Beats, Atmos and AI

1 General

This panel will explore common issues related to producer agreements. In particular, securing clearances, sampling, and licensing beats. Panelist will also explore new production techniques, and potential issues that will arise in the near future with ownership of production elements created by Artificial Intelligence.

Eric Holt, Belmont University & The Lovenoise Group
Farrah Usmani, Nixon Peabody

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. CT

Break

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. CT

THE CHALLENGE: ATTORNEY WELLBEING – A Panel Presentation

1 Dual

A recent study indicates that 61.1% of attorneys report experiencing anxiety over the course of their legal career. The same study showed that 45.7% of attorneys report depression; 12.5% report ADHD; 8.0% report a panic disorder; 2.4% report bipolar disorder; and critically, 11.5% of attorneys reported having had suicidal thoughts during their career. Even more, alcohol dependence is significantly higher among attorneys than the general public; 20.6% of attorneys reporting problematic or hazardous drinking, while in comparison, 11.8% of the “broad, highly educated workforce” reported the same problematic drinking. Accordingly, at a minimum, lawyers have a 10% increase in alcohol-related problems compared to the average population—and that is among those attorneys who are willing report it. (The real numbers are likely much higher). Mental health is a critical issue for attorneys, and with alcohol dependency, depression, and anxiety this high among attorneys, why don’t lawyers do more to help themselves, each other, and the profession itself?

The primary reasons attorneys don’t report these problems, speak openly about them, or seek treatment for them are grounded in the fears of losing their law license, the social stigma that accompanies any mental health problem, the general belief that they can “do it on their own,” concerns for privacy, financial concerns related to obtaining treatment, and time constraints. Attorneys, however, must engage in self-care, law firms must utilize best practices for their attorneys’ wellbeing, and if necessary, attorneys themselves must obtain treatment for these latent problems that are clearly ravaging the legal profession.

THE CHALLENGE: ATTORNEY WELLBEING – A Panel Presentation, presented by Nancy R. Steer, Buddy Stockwell, and Henry Queener, addresses many of the challenges to attorneys’ wellbeing and provides best practices for both individual attorneys—as well as law firms as a whole—to create a healthier environment within which lawyers practice law.

Henry Queener, Queener Law
Nancy R. Steer, McWherter Scott & Bobbitt
Buddy Stockwell, Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program