



## Sports Litigation

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**Hagens Berman has pioneered the area of sports litigation, fighting for the rights of student-athletes across the nation, and our firm continues to expand this area of practice through our novel applications of the law.**

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Hagens Berman has one of the nation's most highly regarded sports law practices. Our pending litigation seeks to address multiple concerns and injustices held by major sports governing bodies, including concussion and head trauma, scholarships and payment for the use of athletes' likenesses in video games.

Our attorneys are the vanguard of new and innovative legal approaches to protect the rights of professional and amateur athletes in cases against large, well-financed interests, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the National Football League (NFL) and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Cases of particular nationwide interest for fans, athletes and the general public involve numerous cases filed by Hagens Berman against the NCAA. The most recent, and potentially far-reaching, case involves a suit on behalf of NCAA student-athletes against the NCAA and its most powerful members, including the Pac-12, Big Ten, Big-12, SEC and ACC, claiming these entities violated federal antitrust laws by drastically reducing the number of scholarships and financial aid student-athletes receive to an amount below the actual cost of attendance and far below what the free market would bare.

"The lawsuit puts Berman at the lead of an effort that could rebalance the relationship between athletes and the Indianapolis-based NCAA, which reported \$841.1 million in revenue in the fiscal year ending in August 2012. His firm, Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, is also leading three lawsuits against the NCAA that seek to increase athletes' control over their finances, including one that seeks money for those whose likenesses appeared without their permission in video games."

- "[NCAA Faces Legal Push Led by Litigator With Tobacco Stash](#)," *Bloomberg*



In addition to the firm's class actions, Hagens Berman has filed several individual cases to uphold the rights of athletes and ensure a fair and safe environment. The firm has filed multiple individual cases to address concussions and other traumatic head injuries among student-athletes at NCAA schools and in youth sports. Hagens Berman continues to represent the interests of athletes and find innovative and effective applications of the law to uphold players' rights.