



Knight Commission On Intercollegiate Athletics

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Session Summaries and Panelist Bios

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Public Session: “Impact of the proposed House v. NCAA settlement and college athlete-employment cases, including a discussion of Title IX”**

The NCAA is in the midst of the most transformational period in its history, pushed by a series of lawsuits challenging the longstanding “amateurism” model of college sports. If judicially approved, the proposed settlement in *House v. NCAA* will distribute billions of dollars to college athletes and create a new system for college athlete compensation going forward. At the same time, the National Labor Relations Board and federal courts are in the process of determining whether college athletes are employees and entitled to unionize, receive minimum wage, and obtain other benefits.

In this session, legal experts will provide an analysis of the proposed *House* settlement and the college athlete employment cases to help you better understand the key points and implications of these cases, including the potential application of Title IX to revenue sharing and benefits provided to employee-athletes.

Panelists

- Jill Bodensteiner, Vice President and Director of Athletics, St. Joseph’s University
- Gabe Feldman, Director, Tulane University Sports Law Program and Knight Commission Legal Consultant
- Janet Judge, Partner, Education & Sports Law Group LLC

Panelist Bios

Gabe Feldman - Gabe Feldman, director of the Tulane Sports Law Program and Tulane University's associate provost for NCAA compliance, is one of the leading voices in the country on sports law. He is the Sher Garner Professor of Sports Law and the Paul and Abram B. Barron Professor of Law, and the co-founder and co-director of the Tulane Center for Sport. In addition, Feldman hosts *SportsWise: A Podcast About Sports and the Law* where he covers stories and invites other experts to discuss critical issues across the sports law landscape, including those impacting collegiate athletics. Feldman is serving as a lead consultant to the DI-AAA and FCS Working Group as they develop a model for the future of college sports.

Jill Bodensteiner – Jill Bodensteiner serves as the vice president and director of athletics at Saint Joseph’s University. Bodensteiner has served on various NCAA committees including the Committee on Women’s Athletics and the Division I Women’s Basketball Committee. She has also utilized her background as an employment and labor law attorney to assist LEAD1 and the DI-AAA and FCS working groups as they consider the future of collegiate athletics.

Janet P. Judge – Janet P. Judge is the co-founder of the Education & Sports Law Group, LLC and has more than three decades of experience in higher education law. Judge has worked with more than 500 NCAA Division I, II, and III schools and conferences on Title IX compliance, sexual misconduct prevention and response, and general athlete well-being matters. Her assistance extends to questions concerning name, image, and likeness (NIL), antitrust developments, and the application of Title IX in this new era of intercollegiate athletics.

10:45 -12:15 p.m. **Public Session: “Designing A New Model for College Sports in the Face of Legal Realities”**

This session is presented by college sports administrators and athletes who have identified key elements for change in a new Division I model for their subgroup of institutions to address legal realities. These leaders represent institutions that compete in the DI - Football Championships Subdivision and Division I institutions without football – a subgroup that includes 220 institutions and more than 100,000 college athletes.

Panelists

- Janet Cone, Senior Administrator for University Enterprises & Athletics Director, University of North Carolina, Asheville
- Michael Cross, Commissioner, Southern Conference
- Anthony Egbo, Vice-chair, NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; former football college athlete, Abilene Christian University
- Meredith Page, Vice-chair, NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; volleyball college athlete, Radford University

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Michael Cross – Michael Cross, Ph.D., is the current commissioner of The Southern Conference. Prior to joining the SoCon, Cross worked at Penn State, Bradley where he served as athletics director, Princeton, and Michigan. He also served as the managing director for communications and policy for the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. Cross’ various roles across athletic departments included compliance and new business development while also developing Athlete Viewpoint, a survey tool and data analytics platform designed to assist athletic directors in understanding the college athlete experience.

Janet Cone – Janet Cone is the Senior Administrator for University Enterprises and the Director of Athletics at the University of North Carolina Asheville. She is a nationally recognized leader in intercollegiate athletics having served on numerous national committees, including the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee. She is the past president of the DI-AAA Athletics Directors Association and co-chair of the Division I-AAA and FCS Working Group that is developing a new model for intercollegiate athletics that prioritizes the role of education and creates a meaningful role for college athletes in the development of policy.

Anthony Egbo Jr. – Anthony Egbo Jr. is a former college football player for Abilene Christian University and currently serves as the vice-chair for the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He has testified in the USC, PAC-12, and NCAA vs. NLRB cases focused on the employee status of college athletes. Egbo was part of a group of five college athletes who lobbied Congress for legislation that would protect college athletes from becoming classified as

employees. He now serves as the Director of Wildcat Club for Abilene Christian. Egbo serves on the Division I-AAA and FCS Working Group.

Meredith Page - Meredith Page is a senior volleyball athlete at Radford University. She is vice-chair for the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), SAAC chair for the Big South Conference, and now in her third year as president of the Radford University SAAC. Page has been invited to educate Congressional members and staffers on the dangers of employment status for student-athletes and the need for a uniform approach to NIL laws. Page is a member of the DI-AAA and FCS Working Group.