

# The Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal Annual Symposium

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# CONCUSSION CONUNDRUM



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Andrew Brandt, Director of the Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law  
and NFL Business Analyst for ESPN, moderates all panels.

## WELCOME

John Y. Gotanda, Dean, Villanova University School of Law

Jeffrey S. Moorad '81 VLS, Chairman/CEO, Moorad Sports Partners

## PANEL 1: Framing the Issue

Retired professional athletes discuss concussion awareness, prevention, and treatment from their playing days as well as views of the present awareness and atmosphere surrounding concussions in sports.

- Keith Primeau, former NHL center (Philadelphia Flyers, Detroit Red Wings) and founder of stopconcussions.com
- Jim Nelson, former NFL linebacker (Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts, Baltimore Ravens)
- Taylor Twellman, former MLS player and current ESPN analyst and concussions commentator
- Brian Westbrook '01 VSB, former NFL running back (Philadelphia Eagles, San Francisco 49ers) and commentator for CBS Sports' *Fantasy Football Today*

## PANEL 2: Building the Case—A Legal and Medical Background of Concussions

Legal and medical experts explore the liability issues of amateur and professional sports and share their perspective on the diagnosis and treatment of concussions. Panel also features a Villanova Law student who has written about and experienced the effects of concussions in her and her family's life.

- Marc Edelman, Associate Professor of Law, Barry University
- Dr. Michael Marino, MD, Attending Physician at Drucker Brain Injury Center
- Cailyn Reilly '13 VLS

### PANEL 3: Concussion Injury Litigation v. NFL:

#### Looking at Both Sides

Practicing attorneys, including one representing the plaintiffs, engage in a balanced, in-depth discussion of the key arguments in *NFL Concussion Injury Litigation*—the class action suit brought by former NFL players against the league.

- Paul Anderson, founder of NFLConcussionLitigation.com
- J. Gordon Cooney, Jr. '84 VLS, Morgan Lewis, expert on the defense of class actions suits
- Sol Weiss '72 VLS, Anapol Schwartz, Co-lead Counsel in *NFL Concussion Injury Litigation*

### PANEL 4: What's Next?: Parents, Media, Administrators, and Scholars Look Ahead

ESPN personalities examine the state of the sport of football in light of concussions, whether parents should let their kids play, and where the NFL will be in 20 years.

- Roger Cossack, Legal Analyst, ESPN
- Ashley Fox, NFL Columnist, ESPN
- Peter Keating, Senior Writer, ESPN
- Taylor Twellman, ESPN Soccer Analyst

#### CLOSING REMARKS

John Polonis '13 VLS, Editor of the *Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal*

The Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law, created in February 2012 with a \$5 million leadership gift from Jeffrey S. Moorad '81, is one of only a handful of institutes in the U.S. dedicated to the study of sports law. The new Center prepares students for careers in amateur and professional sports through rigorous academic study, innovative programs, internship opportunities, scholarship, and research. Located near Philadelphia, home to one of professional and amateur sports' most dedicated fan bases and largest media markets, Villanova University School of Law is situated along the Northeast corridor in close proximity to several other major sports markets including New York City, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.



Since 1842, Villanova University's Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition has been the cornerstone of an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately, and succeed while serving others. Founded in 1953, Villanova University School of Law is rooted in academic excellence, academic freedom, inclusion, and respect for human dignity. The Law School, which is accredited by the American Bar Association, provides broad-based legal education, and its award-winning clinics and Lawyering Together Program provide free legal aid to those in need.

Notable alumni include Hon. Kelly Ayotte (U.S. Senator, New Hampshire); David C. Chavern (Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce); Michael R. Haswell (Head of Business Development, Commerce, Google Inc.); Jeffrey S. Moorad (Former Baseball Executive and Sports Agent); Hon. Edward Rendell (Former Governor of Pennsylvania); Hon. Marjorie Rendell (Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit); Joseph T. Sebastianelli (President and CEO, Jefferson Health Systems); and Richard Trumka (President, AFL-CIO).