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Sports Law Centre

The Centre

The Sports Law Centre's mission is to provide high quality services and research/products relevant to the sporting world (sport federations and associations, the professional sports industry, organisations, professional athletes, etc.)

For this purpose the Sports Law Centre, the High Performance Centre and the University of Pretoria have reached an agreement of cooperation related to sports law.

The institutions aim to cooperate and coordinate their activities in order to develop and promote a better understanding of sports law and to promote its advancement and ethical practice.

In 2006, the Sports Law Centre and the world renowned ASSER International Sports Law Centre (The Hague, Netherlands) reached an agreement of cooperation in international sports law.

Services

The Sports Law Centre provides advice and assistance across the full spectrum of sports law, including:

- negotiating and drafting of contracts
- dispute resolution
- negotiating and documenting sponsorship and endorsement agreements
- evaluation and exploitation of commercial opportunities
- representation agreements (agency)
- protection of intellectual property rights
- participation contracts with sports federations and athletes
- risk management and compliance
- drafting and amending constitutions and internal rules
- competition rules and technical matters
- representation in any dispute/disciplinary proceedings
- doping
- risk management, liabilities, waivers and disclaimers
- good corporate governance
- employment issues

Other services

The Centre provices legal opinions on most matters, conducts research on your behalf and provides in-house training and workshops on any of the above fields for members or staff.

Our team

Directors:

Rian Cloete BLC LLB (Pret) LLD (UNISA)

Rian Cloete is Head of the Department Procedural Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. He is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa and Director of the University of Pretoria School for Legal Practice. Rian is the Disciplinary Commissioner of Cricket South Africa and a member of the Advisory Board of the International Sports Law Journal. He advises a number of clients in the sports industry and has a particular interest in intellectual property and negotiating player contracts. He writes extensively in the fields of sports law, property law and professional conduct and ethics. He is the co-author and managing editor of the latest book entitled *Introduction to Sports Law in South Africa*.

Steve Cornelius Bluris LLB (UNISA) LLD (Pret)

Steve Cornelius is a professor of law at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria and

an Advocate of the High Court; He is the former Director of the UJ Centre for Sport Law and a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Association for Sports Law.

Consulting members:

Ian Blackshaw LLM

Ian Blackshaw is a visiting Professor at the International Centre for Sports Studies, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland and a member of the International Sports Law Centre at the TMC Asser Institute, The Hague, Netherlands. He is also a member of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), and the UK Sports Dispute Resolution Panel. He is a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England.

Brandon Foot LLB (Pret)

Brandon practiced as a senior partner in a prominent firm of attorneys for many years, specialising in litigation, commercial and sports law. He was active in sports administration, serving as President of the Northerns Cricket Union, Chairperson of the Nashua Titans, member of the General Council of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, Director of Cricket South Africa and Chairperson of its Legal Committee. He joined SuperSport in October 2007.

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