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FOREWORD

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This Symposium issue begins with a tribute to Professor Charles W. Mentkowski, a long-time member of the National Sports Law Institute's Board of Advisors, its first and longest serving Chairperson, and a member of the Marquette University Law School faculty from 1967 to 2006. He died on September 22, 2006.

The issue features contributions from several members of the NSLI's Board of Advisors, which provide practical perspectives on current legal and business issues in the sports industry. We appreciate the time and effort expended by these authors. Sports lawyers and scholars, sports industry professionals, students, and others interested in the sports industry will enjoy reading and learn from these articles.

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