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NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY SCOTT G. WASSERMAN, ESQ.

It seems like there has never been a better time for a Sports Law issue of *Nevada Lawyer*. There has been a "Fleury" of activity in Nevada sports this past year, starting with the building of an NFL stadium for the Las Vegas Raiders, the state hosting an array of professional and amateur mixed martial arts and boxing matches, and the addition of the WNBA franchise, Las Vegas Aces. The NFL and WNBA join the existing Nevada Minor League Baseball AAA teams, the Reno Aces and the Las Vegas 51s, along with United Soccer League's Reno 1868 FC and the Las Vegas Lights FC. This was capped by the state's entrance into the National Hockey League with the now-Western Conference Champions, the Vegas Golden Knights, making their first appearance in the Stanley Cup Championship finals after "all these days" in the National Hockey League, an astonishing accomplishment for the team's inaugural year.

While recent activities in the state may have sparked the interest of local sports fans, they are also harbingers of a vast expansion of opportunities and issues facing Nevada lawyers with an interest in practicing sports law. A sampling of these issues are presented in this month's issue: from an explanation as to why your neighborhood pub can't host a "Super Bowl" party, but *can* have a "Big Game" party, and a look at the legal considerations connected to the emergence of esports in Nevada, to an examination of the Nevada Athletic Commission's jurisdiction.

On a national level, there is a renewed interest in sports wagering, following the long awaited issuance of the United States Supreme Court decision striking down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. Many states will look to Nevadans for guidance in establishing their own sports wagering. While those states are beginning to legalize sports betting, another article in this issue discusses the application of a number of federal laws that must be considered before these states can move forward. Also on the national level, this issue examines the impact of the Save America's Pastime Act of 2018 on compensation for minor league baseball players.

This month's featured CLE article examines waivers signed before participating in various sporting or athletic activities, including working out at your local gym. Finally, the Young Lawyers Section president astutely warns us to anticipate a future day in which Nevada's newly-gained professional teams may seek to relocate(!).

Thanks to all of our hard-working contributors. We hope that this issue not only presents topics of interest, but that these articles illustrate the rapid expansion of sports law in Nevada. **NL**

SCOTT G. WASSERMAN'S biography is on page 33.

"A rat in a maze is free to go anywhere,
as long as it stays inside the maze."

— Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale*

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