

Preface

On July 7, 2021, the Harvard Law School Sports Law community mourned the passing of Professor Paul C. Weiler. He was 82. Professor Weiler pioneered the establishment of the sports and the law program at Harvard. Because of Professor Weiler's vision, the Harvard Sports Law program boasts three terrific classes with Professor Peter A. Carfagna, an extracurricular organization (the Harvard Committee on Sports and Entertainment Law), a clinic through which students can pursue legal internships in the sports industry, and this Journal. For law students interested in sports law, Harvard Law School is the place to be. For a tribute to Professor Weiler's life, please click [here](#).

We are honored to dedicate this special online issue of the *Harvard Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law* to the memory of Professor Weiler. This is JSEL's second special online issue in as many years. Last August, we published a special edition of the Journal to cover the latest developments regarding publicity rights for college athletes. This year, we offer a collection of essays and a video interview covering the Supreme Court's recent decision in *NCAA v. Alston*. Professors Jodi Balsam of Brooklyn Law School, Richard Friedman of the University of Michigan Law School, Matthew Mitten of Marquette Law School, George Priest of Yale Law School, and Andrew Zimbalist of Smith College all contributed essays, while one of us interviewed Professor Ilya Somin of Scalia Law School about the case over Zoom.

We are deeply indebted to Professor Weiler, without whom JSEL would probably not exist today. We also thank Professor Carfagna, our faculty advisor, for his constant support of the Journal and mentorship of students in the sports law program—ourselves included. We are grateful to the professors who participated in this special online issue, whose contributions highlight key aspects of the Court's opinion in *Alston*. And we appreciate the hard work that many of our fellow JSEL student editors put into this special online issue during their summer break.

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