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Top Skills

Sports Law

International Arbitration

Sports

Languages

Spanish

Publications

Katherine Porter, Sports Justice in the United States, in International and Comparative Sports Justice, European Sports Law and Policy Bulletin (Michele Colucci ed., 2013).

A Sport-By-Sport Approach To Participation: How The NCAA Transgender Policy 2022 Impacts Student-Athletes

Kate Porter

Sports Lawyer, Partner at Vela Wood

Dallas, Texas, United States

Summary

Kate Porter is a partner at Vela Wood and an experienced sports lawyer. She represents international sports organizations, soccer officials and professional sports leagues in investigations and disputes before the Court of Arbitration for Sport and in internal proceedings before FIFA. Ms. Porter also routinely advises sports organizations on their contractual rights and obligations and governance-related matters.

Experience

World Aquatics

Member, Investigatory Body of the Aquatics Integrity Unit

January 2023 - Present (9 months)

Independent Member of the Investigatory Body of World Aquatics's newly-formed Aquatics Integrity Unit

Vela Wood

Partner, Sports Law

January 2022 - Present (1 year 9 months)

LawInSport

Editorial Board Member, North America Division

November 2018 - Present (4 years 11 months)

Greater New York City Area

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates

Associate

July 2010 - January 2022 (11 years 7 months)

New York, NY

Represented a wide variety of clients in domestic and international disputes, with a particular emphasis on representation of clients in sports-related disputes. Ms. Porter's experience also includes representing international corporations in FCPA and compliance related matters.

Litigation and arbitration experience includes representing:

* The Qatar Football Association in defending against a protest brought by the UAE Football Association challenging the QFA's semifinal victory in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup

* Asian Football Confederation Vice President before the FIFA Appeal Committee resulting in the complete reversal of sanctions imposed by the Adjudicatory Chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee;

* South American sports marketing company in breach of contract dispute against South American soccer confederation, ten national soccer associations and competitor sports marketing firm;

* Men's professional golf tour in dispute with a member of the tour arising out of the tour's drug testing policy;

* "Big four" professional sports league in an internal investigation arising out of team and coaching staff's violation of league rules;

* Barbadian company in an ICSID arbitration under the Barbados-Venezuela Bilateral Investment Treaty relating to the expropriation of a petrochemical company in Venezuela; and

* U.S. company in a shareholders' dispute involving several of its Brazilian subsidiaries arbitrated under the ICC rules.

* South American commodities corporation in internal investigation and investigation before the US Securities and Exchange Commission based on alleged violations of the FCPA

* Internal investigations on behalf of U.S. corporations concerning potential FCPA violations by their Lat. Am. subsidiaries

In addition, Ms. Porter has served as clerk to the tribunal in arbitrations before the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS"), American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), and the Swiss Chambers Arbitration Institution ("SCAI").

ISDE Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía

Guest Lecturer

January 2014 - December 2021 (8 years)

Greater New York City Area and Madrid, Spain

Guest lectures on Dispute Resolution in U.S. Sports Law

Office of the District Attorney, Delaware County, PA

Certified Legal Intern

May 2009 - December 2009 (8 months)

Media, Pennsylvania

Managed docket and prosecuted preliminary criminal hearings on misdemeanor and felony offenses in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Argued motions and prima facie level hearings before magistrate judges on a daily basis.

The Altman Law Firm LLC

Law Clerk

May 2008 - December 2008 (8 months)

Malvern, PA

Civil and criminal litigation, including cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts for the Western District of New York, Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Middle District of North Carolina. Responsible for legal research and drafting briefs and memoranda related to white collar criminal defense.

Wake Forest University

Student Manager, Women's Soccer, Basketball

August 2004 - December 2006 (2 years 5 months)

Assisted in home and away practice and game day operations, and equipment needs for NCAA Division 1 teams competing in the ACC.

Washington Sports and Entertainment

Team Attendant

May 2001 - August 2004 (3 years 4 months)

Assisted in game day operations for Washington Wizards (NBA) and Washington Mystics (WNBA) including player equipment needs, visting team hospitality and locker room assistance.

Education

Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economia

LL.M, International Sports Law · (2010 - 2010)

Villanova University School of Law

J.D., Law · (2007 - 2010)

Wake Forest University

B.A., Communication, Spanish · (2003 - 2006)

Winston Churchill High School

High School Diploma · (1999 - 2003)