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Practices

Collegiate and Professional Sports
Labor and Preventive Practices

Services

Background Checks

Industries

Higher Education
Media

Education

Hofstra University
School of Law
J.D., 1985

Harvard University
A.B., 1982
History
cum laude

John Harvard Scholarship
for Academic Excellence

Admitted to Practice

- Arizona - D. Ariz., 2011
- Arizona, 2011
- New Jersey, 1985
- New York, 1986

Gregg E. Clifton is a Principal in the Phoenix, Arizona, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He is Co-Leader of the Collegiate and Professional Sports Practice Group and serves as the editor of the firm's sports law blog.

Gregg has extensive experience in the collegiate and professional sports world. He has advised numerous professional franchises on general labor and employment issues, including Title III ADA regulatory compliance and wage and hour issues. Gregg serves as lead counsel for several Major League Baseball teams in their salary arbitration matters and has represented NCAA and NAIA collegiate clients regarding rules compliance, investigatory matters and in disciplinary hearings. In addition, he has handled Title IX investigations and compliance issues for NCAA and NAIA member institutions. Gregg has also worked extensively in the area of agent regulation and enforcement in professional and college sports and regularly provides counsel on issues relating to NCAA and NAIA amateurism issues and athlete eligibility questions. He has also served as an expert witness in matters involving sports agents' work and responsibilities, as well as athlete compensation issues.

Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, Gregg spent six years as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Team Sports for Gaylord Sports Management. He also served as President of the Athlete and Entertainment Division for famed sports attorney Bob Woolf's firm, Woolf Associates, in Boston.

Gregg began his career as an Associate at Jackson Lewis where he focused his practice on traditional labor law. He continues to counsel clients in the areas of collective bargaining negotiations, representation cases, arbitrations and National Labor Relations Board matters.

Gregg frequently serves as an expert speaker to law schools, including Harvard University, Boston College, Hofstra University and Arizona State University, and bar associations regarding sports law issues, including agent regulation and salary arbitration. He is often called upon by national news media as a source for his commentary and opinion on legal issues in sports.

Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, "Sports Law" (2016 - present)
- *Legal 500 USA*, "Recommended Attorney" (2018)
- *The National Law Review*, "Go To Thought Leader" (2019)

Professional Associations and Activities

- American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section and Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Past Chairperson of Sports Law Committee
- Sports Lawyers Association

Published Works

- "In the Arena, A Sports Law Handbook," *New York State Bar Association* (June 2013) [Co Author]
- "U.S. Department of Education's "Dear Colleague Letter" Highlights Schools' Responsibility for Accommodating Disabled Students in Extracurricular Activities" (March 2013) [Co-Author]
- "Sexual Harassment and Professional Sports Organizations," *Professional Sports and the Law*, Vol. 1, Is. 6 (January-February 2011) [Co-Author]
- "U.S. Department of Education Eliminates Title IV Safe Harbors: Questions Remain On Compensation for Athletic Personnel Legal Issues In College Athletics," Vol. 12, Is. 3 (January 2011) [Co-Author]
- "MLBPA Issues New Sweeping Regulations Governing Agents," *Professional Sports and the Law*, Vol. 1, Is. 5 (November-December 2010) [Co-Author]