



SPORTS LAW & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

- Date:** 16 March 2018
Venue: Etihad Stadium, Etihad Campus, Manchester M11 3FF
Times: 09:00 – 17:30 with networking drinks through to 19:00.
CPD 6 hours



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After the success of last year's Football Law event, St John's Buildings, in conjunction with the Centre for Sports Law Research at Edge Hill University, is proud to present a Sports Law & Business Conference that will once again bring together leading sports law and business experts from across Europe.

This full day conference, to be held at Manchester City's Etihad Stadium, will allow those with an interest in sports law, governance and business the opportunity to hear what the leading experts think about the important issues of the day, before debating the same at a drinks reception and networking session.

Last year's event attracted over 120 delegates from across Europe. In attendance were representatives from:

- Arsenal FC
- BBC Sport
- Birmingham City FC
- Deloitte
- European Commission
- European Football Agent's Association
- Everton FC

- FIFPro World Players' Union
- Football Supporters' Federation
- Guardian Newspaper
- Manchester City FC
- Oldham Athletic FC
- Players' Football Association
- Sporting Lisbon
- UK Sport

As well as leading law firms, sports agencies and sports-related businesses/suppliers.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The topics to be discussed include:

- Sports Media: Brand Rights in the Digital Single Market
- E-Sports: Legal issues and opportunities in this developing area
- Safeguarding: Ensuring the safety of participants & the possibility of future litigation
- Sports disciplinary and arbitration panels
- The need for a transfer system in professional sport
- Equality in sport

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SPEAKERS

Confirmed speakers include:

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| Martin Edwards | Former Chairman and honorary life president at Manchester United. |
| David Conn | Investigative journalist for the Guardian newspaper. Author of The Premier League: The Football Business (1997), The Beautiful Game?: Searching For The Soul Of Football (2004), Richer Than God: Manchester City, Modern Football And Growing Up (2012) and The Fall of the House of FIFA (2017). |
| Despina Mavromati | Lawyer at SportLegis, arbitrator at Sport Resolutions UK & the IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal. |

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| Paul Stewart | Former Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool and England professional footballer. Author of 'Damaged'. |
| Marcos Motta | Partner Bichara & Motta sports law firm. Adviser to Neymar on his record-breaking transfer from FC Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain. |
| Sam Hillas | Barrister and Judicial Officer for the RFU, Six Nations and World Rugby. |
| Clare Briegal | Chief Executive Officer, International Netball Federation. |
| Ramunas Linartas | Policy Officer in the Sport Unit of the European Commission. |
| Richard Cramer | Partner at FrontRow Legal. Advised Castleford Tigers in relation to the Denny Solomona dispute. |
| Phillip Grundy Amanda Hill | Barrister with expertise in physical and sexual abuse claims. Regulation Manager at the England and Wales Cricket Board. |
| Alan Darfi | Head of Legal at The Rugby Football League. Member of the FA's National Anti-Discrimination Chairman's Panel. |
| Kevin Carpenter | Principal & Consultant Captivate Legal & Sports Solutions. Member of the Mediation Chamber for the Confédération Européenne de Volleyball (CEV). Non-Executive Director of Sports Officials UK. Member of the Advisor & Editorial Board for LawInSport Limited. |
| Giovanni Branchini | President of the Italian Agents Association and Vicepresident of the European Football Agents Association. Previous clients include Manuel Rui Costa, Romario, Ronaldo, Jean Pierre Papin and Clarence Seedorf. He facilitated the agreement that brought Guardiola to Bayern Munich |
| Schona Jolly QC | Equalities lawyer specialising in all aspects of discrimination, human rights and employment law at Cloisters Chambers. |
| Thomas 'Morte' Kerbusch | eSports professional. |
| Roberto Branco Martins | Sports lawyer, eSports lawyer and General Manager of the European Football Agents Association. |

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| Gareth Farrelly | Former footballer for Aston Villa, Bolton, Everton and the Republic of Ireland. Now a solicitor and FA Independent Panel Member. |
| Hadyn Roberts | Head of Elite Talent Advisory at Shoosmiths. Founder and formerly Head of Player Care & Support at Manchester City FC. |
| Andrew Nixon | Partner in the Sport Group at Sheridans. |
| Richard Barker | Solicitor at Mills and Reeve LLP who represented Eniola Aluko and Jonas Gutierrez. |
| Paul Gilroy QC | Barrister at Littleton Chambers specialising in sports-related litigation and regulatory matters in sport. Paul is retained Counsel to the League Managers Association. |
| James Watson | Head of eSports, Sportradar AG. |
| Anna Baumann | eSports lawyer. |
| Mark James | Professor of Sports Law at Manchester Law School. Mark specialises in the area of interaction between the criminal law and sporting events and activities. He is currently focusing his research activity on the Olympic Games in Rio and the European Football Championships in France, with a particular interest in ambush marketing, ticket touting and spectator disorder. |
| Mark Hovell | Partner at Mills & Reeve LLP. Mark specialises in sports law, regularly advising players' associations and their members. As a qualified insolvency practitioner he has been involved in over 50 football club insolvencies/ restructurings. Mark is also an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport and will be a member of the ad hoc committee at the Rio Olympics. |
| Steven Flynn | Head of St John's Buildings Sport, Media and Entertainment Law Group. |

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Representatives of professional:
 - Players
 - Clubs
 - Leagues
- Governing bodies
- Private Practice Lawyers
- Academics
- Students

COST

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| Lawyers/Professionals in Private Practice | £320 + VAT (£384 total) |
| Player Representatives | £250 + VAT (£300 total) |
| Representatives of Teams/Leagues | |
| Governing Bodies/Associations | £200 + VAT (£240 total) |
| Academics | £200 + VAT (£240 total) |
| Students | £150 + VAT (£156 total) |

The above prices include lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

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