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Biography:

Steven Krane joined Proskauer upon his graduation from the New York Law School in 1981, taking a year off in 1984-85 to serve as law clerk to the New York Court of Appeals. He became a partner in the Litigation Resolution Department in 1989. Although a general commercial litigation lawyer, he has considerable experience in representing sports leagues and teams in contract and tort matters, and also maintains a practice concentration in the field of intellectual property and professional responsibility.

Sports Law

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Sports leagues and teams frequently need advice on a wide variety of issues. Steven has been consulted by them on questions relating to, among other things, trademark law and labor relations. Over the past several years, Steven has been consulted by the National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer and the Women's National Basketball Association on a wide variety of litigated and non-litigated matters. Among the more prominent matters Steven has been involved with were the NBA's successful challenge to the NBA Lottery, the Bridgeman and Williams antitrust lawsuits that led to the 1994 collective bargaining agreements, the NBA players' 1995 campaign to form their union, and the 1991 arbitration concerning Patrick Ewing's claim to be an unrestricted free agent.

A few months ago, Steven brought to a successful conclusion a lawsuit against the NHL by an alleged class of former players against the NHL and the NHL's former Executive Director, the former Executive Director of the players' union. The lawsuit alleged that the NHL and its team owners permitted the Executive Director to divert money for his own personal benefit in exchange for concessions in collective bargaining agreements. Steven is currently defending Major League Soccer in an antitrust class action lawsuit. Major League Soccer is not a traditional, franchise-based sports league, but rather a single entity. The litigation, which challenges the structure of the league, has far-reaching implications for all sports leagues.

He has also been involved in successfully lobbying the U.S. Congress to pass the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 -- the law that legalized sports betting in the United States -- and the Governor of Oregon on various legal arguments, withdrew his support for sports betting at gambling.

Professional Responsibility/Ethics

It has been said that "sometimes even lawyers need lawyers." Steven has represented lawyers and law firms in a variety of professional responsibility matters, including defending them against charges before grievance and disciplinary committees, representing them in disputes concerning admission to the bar, defending them from charges that they participated in securities fraud committed by the firm, and rendering opinions and otherwise counseling them on a broad range of ethical issues. Steven has served as a litigation consultant and has been an expert witness on issues such as conflicts of interest and solicitation of clients by lawyers. Steven has written extensively on issues of professional responsibility. His articles, "When Lawyers Represent Their Adversaries: Conflicts of Interest in the Lawyer-Lawyer Relationship," was published in the Hofstra Law Review. His work has been relied upon by the American Law Institute's Restatement of Professional Responsibility.

Steven currently serves as Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Standards of Attorney Conduct, the successor to the Special Committee on Professional Responsibility. These groups conducted a five-year study reviewing and proposing a series of amendments to the ethical rules which were adopted by the New York courts in 1999. He is a member of the Association's Executive Committee and a Fellow of the New York Bar. He served as a member of the NYSBA Committee on Professional Ethics (1990-94). On June 1, 2001, he took office as President of the NYSBA, the first person ever to hold that post.

Steven spent nine of the 11 years from 1985 to 1996 associated with the Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics of the Association of the City of New York, most recently serving a three-year term as the Chair. During his tenure, the City Bar Ethics Committee published an unprecedented number of opinions on a broad range of topics of general interest to the bar. He has been a member of the New York State Office of Court Administration's Committee on Attorney Professionalism and Conduct since 1996, and was elected to the American Law Institute in 1993. Steven served as a Hearing Panel Member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department and as a member of the Committee on Grievances of the United States District Court for the

Committee on Grievances of the United States District Court for the New York. He also previously served as a special prosecutor for the Disciplinary Committee.

Steven has taught and lectured extensively in both of his fields of c developed and taught a course in sports law at the Georgia Institute for several years taught legal ethics at the Columbia University Sch member of its adjunct faculty. He is a frequent lecturer on professio on antitrust and other issues affecting the sports industry.

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