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A Report of Court Decisions, Legislation and Regulations Affecting Collegiate Athletics

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The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions penalized Texas Southern University for major violations in its softball and men's and women's tennis programs. The former head coaches of the softball program and the men's and women's tennis programs committed violations that went undetected by the university.



Naples, collapsed after an offseason workout supervised by Knights Coach George O'Leary and his staff on March 18. He was transported to a nearby hospital and died about an hour later.

9 Setting the Trend in South Bend: Notre Dame Hires Sports Attorney as Athletic Director

Notre Dame has reached outside of the box, and into the bar, by hiring prominent Indianapolis sports attorney Jack Swarbrick as its next

3 Panel Affirms Antitrust Ruling, Handing NCAA Another Victory

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed a lower court's ruling that the complaint of a former assistant football coach at the University of Kentucky, who alleged that the NCAA violated anti-trust laws by allegedly restricting his future employment, lacked "the critical commercial activity component required to permit application of the Sherman Act."

athletic director. Swarbrick fills the vacancy left by Kevin White, who accepted the same position at Duke University amid speculation that his authority to run the Notre Dame athletic department was compromised by the role of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees in the firing of football coach Tyrone Willingham and hiring of Charlie Weis.

5 Duke Wins Contract Case Due to Bad Football Team

Duke University's football team has lost many a game on the field. However, its poor record translates to a win in a Kentucky court of law by persuading a Kentucky trial judge that the failure of University of Louisville to find a "team of similar stature" to substitute for Duke negated any liability after Duke canceled two matches with its superior rival.

9 Coach Continues with Retaliation Claim After Court Denies Summary Judgment

A former men's wrestling coach has survived a motion for summary judgment in a case where the coach alleged that Montclair State University retaliated against him in violation of Title VII and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, the New Jersey Conscientious Employee Protection Act (NJCEPA) and the New Jersey Law against Discrimination (NJLAD) by not hiring him for its Head Wrestling Coach/Coordinator of Student Staffing position.

6 Proper System Can Alleviate Damage Associated with Title IX Violation

A streamlined response system to complaints based on gender discrimination appears to be the best policy for educational institutions.

8 Death of UCF Freshman Football Player Controversial

The facts are simple. University of Central Florida football player Ereck Plancher, a 19-year-old redshirt freshman receiver from

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