Steroid Use, Abuse and Policy Symposium

Friday, October 29 | 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308

The program will examine steroids from a variety of angles, including the use of steroids for performance enhancement in sports and the current system of catching the “dopers,” as well as the role of government in regulating non-medical steroid use outside athletics.

Keynote Speaker:
Richard Pound
Partner, Stikeman Elliott, Member, International Olympic Committee, and Former President, World Anti-Doping Agency

Conference Director:
Rick Collins ’84
Partner, Collins, McDonald & Gann, P.C.

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10 a.m.-Noon  A Screening of the Movie *Bigger, Faster, Stronger* and a Q&A With Director Christopher Bell

Noon-1 p.m.  Lunch and CLE Registration

1-1:30 p.m.  Welcome and Keynote Address
Richard Pound
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1:30-2:45 p.m.  The Anti-Doping Movement: Athletes’ Health and Rights
William Bock, III
General Counsel, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency
Norman Fost, M.D., M.PH.
Department of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin Hospital
Howard L. Jacobs, Esq.
Law Offices of Howard L. Jacobs
Gary I. Wadler, M.D.
Internal Medicine and Sports Medicine, Manhasset, N.Y., and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine

3-4:15 p.m.  Beyond Sports: A Steroid Nation?
Mark Fainaru-Wada
Reporter, ESPN
Dave Palumbo
Fitness Author and Co-founder of RX Muscle.com
Philip J. Sweitzer, Esq.
Law Practitioner and Owner, Philip J. Sweitzer, LLC
Gary I. Wadler, M.D.
Internal Medicine and Sports Medicine, Manhasset, N.Y., and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine
Christopher Bell

Chris Bell is a 1997 Graduate of University of Southern California’s School Of Cinema-Television. Bell’s debut feature documentary Bigger Stronger Faster* was a hit at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. Chris is a Powerlifter/Filmmaker who was able to combine his passions and make a film about Anabolic Steroids which ranked 96% on Rotten Tomatoes and received rave reviews from critics such as Roger Ebert, Variety, and The New York Times. Bell is currently working on a film called RUNT about an undersized fighter in the early days of Mixed Martial Arts. He is also producing a Television Show called Muscle Beach which is a reality show about the fitness lifestyle in Venice, CA.

William Bock, III

William Bock is an experienced litigator with substantial sports law and sports drug testing experience. He is a partner with the law firm of Kroger, Gardis & Regas, LLP, in Indianapolis, where he maintains a sports law and litigation practice. Since September 1, 2007, Mr. Bock has also served as the general counsel for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in Colorado Springs. As general counsel, he is responsible for the prosecution of U.S. athletes and coaches charged with doping offenses, investigations and other legal matters pertaining to USADA.

From 2001-07 Mr. Bock served as one of USADA's outside legal counsel, handling numerous drug-testing cases and investigations. In 2001 he handled the first contested USADA case heard by a full arbitration panel, and in 2002 he prosecuted the first USADA case involving a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

Since 2003 Mr. Bock has been involved in USADA’s investigation and prosecution of cases arising out of the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative (BALCO) doping scandal. He was interviewed for, and quoted in, Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroids Scandal That Rocked Professional Sports by San Francisco Chronicle reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams (Gotham Books, 2006). Mr. Bock is a frequent guest on news talk shows and at seminars on sports drug testing issues.

Since 1992 Mr. Bock has represented athletes, officials and sports rule enforcement agencies in matters involving athlete-eligibility issues, contracts, sponsorships and sports drug testing. He has handled arbitrations before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and under the rules of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) Bylaws and the rules of various international sports federations. He has also handled athlete-eligibility matters under the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Mr. Bock received his B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Oral Roberts University and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School. He is a past chairman of the Sports & Entertainment Law Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association, and from 2004-06 served as parliamentarian to the Indiana House of Representatives.
Rick Collins

Rick Collins is a principal in the Mineola, New York, law firm of Collins, McDonald & Gann. He is a nationally recognized legal authority on anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances, and has testified in federal court and before the U.S. Sentencing Commission on the subject. As a steroid legal expert regularly interviewed in the national media, he appeared in the documentary film *Bigger, Stronger, Faster* (2008). Mr. Collins received his undergraduate degree from Hofstra University and his law degree from Hofstra Law School, where he attended on a full academic scholarship and served on the *Hofstra Law Review*. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1985 and served as a Nassau County assistant district attorney for five years. He is also admitted to practice in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas, the District of Columbia and various federal courts.

Norman Fost, M.D., M.PH.

Norman Fost is professor of pediatrics and bioethics at the University of Wisconsin (UW); vice chair of the Department of Medical History and Bioethics; director of the Program in Bioethics, which he founded in 1973; chair of the UW Hospital ethics committee since 1984; and member of the child protection team, which he founded and led from 1973 to 2006. He was director of the Pediatric Residency Training Program for 21 years and vice chairman of the Department of Pediatrics from 1985 to 1995.

Dr. Fost is a graduate of Princeton (A.B.), Yale (M.D.) and Harvard (M.P.H.). He completed residency training in pediatrics and two years as chief resident at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was a fellow in the Harvard Program in Law, Medicine and Ethics (1972-1973), after which he joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Fost has extensive experience in ethical and legal issues in health care and human subjects research. He was chair of the UW Health Sciences IRB for 31 years. He has published articles on human subjects research, genetic screening, euthanasia of handicapped newborns, access to human growth hormone and the use of performance-enhancing drugs. He taught ethical and regulatory issues in human subjects research at the FDA Staff College, and for the past 10 years has taught a similar course in the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions’ graduate training program in clinical investigation.

Dr. Fost has served on federal committees and commissions on ethical and regulatory issues, including President Clinton’s health care task force. He now serves as a consultant on the FDA’s pediatric advisory committee on children’s drugs, and is chair of the pediatric ethics subcommittee. He was a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Guidelines for Stem Cell Research whose report was published in 2005.

In 1997 Dr. Fost received the Nellie Westermann Prize for Research Ethics; in 2003, the William G. Bartholome Award for Excellence in Ethics from the American Academy of Pediatrics; in 2006, a Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Human Research Protection from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Human Research Protection; and in 2007, the inaugural Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics.
Mark Fainaru-Wada

Mark Fainaru-Wada is an investigative reporter for ESPN. Previously, he worked in the same capacity on The San Francisco Chronicle’s enterprise team.

For The Chronicle, Mr. Fainaru-Wada and colleague Lance Williams began working on the BALCO steroids case in September 2003. Their investigative work earned them a string of national honors, including the George Polk, Edgar A. Poe, Dick Schaap Excellence in Journalism and Associated Press Sports Editors awards.


In May 2006, Fainaru-Wada and Williams were issued subpoenas to testify before a grand jury investigating the sources or sources of some of the information they published in The Chronicle and their book. The reporters vowed not to reveal their sources and were appealing their sentence of up to 18 months in prison when the government dropped the subpoenas in February.

Mr. Fainaru-Wada’s ESPN projects have included investigations into Major League Baseball officials skimming money from Dominican ballplayers, the relationship between the demise of physical education in the public schools and the nation’s child obesity crisis, the impact of the economy’s collapse on grassroots sports in smalltown Wisconsin, and the premature deaths of two college athletes.

Mr. Fainaru-Wada previously worked for the San Francisco Examiner, for which he wrote enterprise stories and covered Stanford football and men’s basketball. He also was a national sportswriter for Scripps Howard News Service, covering the Masters, Wimbledon and the Final Four. He has worked at The National Sports Daily, the Los Angeles Daily News and the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel.

Mr. Fainaru-Wada is a graduate of Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism.

Howard Jacobs

Howard Jacobs is solo practitioner in the Los Angeles suburb of Westlake Village, California. He has been identified by various national newspapers as one of the leading sports lawyers in the U.S., and was profiled by USA Today in a feature article titled “Athletes Accused of Cheating Find Perfect Advocate.” His law practice focuses on the representation of athletes in all types of disputes, with a particular focus on the defense of athletes charged with doping offenses. He has represented more than 70 professional and Olympic sport athletes.

Mr. Jacobs has represented professional athletes, Olympic athletes and amateur athletes in disputes involving doping, endorsements, unauthorized use of name and likeness, salary issues, team-selection issues and other matters. He is at the forefront of many cutting-edge legal issues that affect athletes, winning cases that have set precedents that have benefited the athlete community. Because of this, Mr. Jacobs is a sought-after expert on sports law issues. He is regularly quoted in major newspapers and sports magazines and appears on national and international television and radio shows.
Mr. Jacobs graduated from Florida State University in 1987 and William & Mary Law School in 1990. He ran cross-country and track and field for Florida State University and competed as a professional triathlete during law school.

Further information can be obtained at Mr. Jacobs’ website, www.athleteslawyer.com.

Dave Palumbo

Dave Palumbo has written and spoken extensively on the subject of performance-enhancing drugs based on his exhaustive personal insights and firsthand knowledge spanning 20 years. A top nationally ranked bodybuilder for more than 15 years and one of the most sought-after nutritional advisers in the fitness industry today, Mr. Palumbo is the owner of Species: Evolutionary Nutrition Products and RX Muscle magazine and the author and co-founder of the S.M.A.R.T. personal training certification course. He earned a B.S. in biology and anthropology from Franklin & Marshall College and attended medical school for three years at New York Medical College.

Richard Pound

Richard Pound is a partner in the Montreal office of Stikeman Elliott and a member of the firm’s tax group. His main areas of practice include tax litigation and negotiations with tax authorities on behalf of clients, in addition to general tax advisory work and commercial arbitration.

Mr. Pound is recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2010 as a leading practitioner “repeatedly recommended” in the area of international commercial arbitration. He is also included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada and in the 2009 edition of the Lexpert/American Lawyer Media publication A Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada. Mr. Pound has also been recognized as a prominent practitioner in the tax field in the PLC Cross-border Tax on Corporate Transactions Handbook 2009. He is recognized as having the highest rating (“AV”) under the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings.

Mr. Pound has been named to Time magazine’s 100 most influential people in the world for his relentless efforts to rid sport of performance-enhancing drugs. In July 2009 he received the Ernest T. Stewart Award for Alumni Volunteer Involvement, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education’s highest honor for a graduate who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for his or her alma mater. He is only the second Canadian in the 56-year history of the award to receive the prize. In February 2008 he received the Laureus Spirit of Sport Award for his work as head of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Philip J. Sweitzer, Esq.

Philip J. Sweitzer is an attorney admitted to practice in the federal and state courts of Maryland. While employed by an appellate law firm in suburban Baltimore, one that educated and represented major police organizations, Mr. Sweitzer wrote a law review article that examined the failure of drug-enforcement policy in
the U.S.: it detailed furtive anabolic-androgen steroid (AAS) use by police officers and discussed the socio-cultural model of Kingsley's Victorian England. Muscular Christianity, as it became known, is a socio-cultural model that eventually migrated to America, expressed in the 19th-century fundamentalist theology of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Dwight L. Moody and the emerging YMCA movement. Muscular Christianity eventually became the driving philosophy behind U.S. drug-enforcement policy.

Following the article, ABC News ran a national investigative news piece largely reiterating its facts. The topic of “cops on steroids” thus burst into the national conversation, largely after revelations in the New York press about the use of AAS by NYPD officers Justin Volpe and Ralph Dols in the Abner Louima scandal and prosecutions.

Mr. Sweitzer's practice focuses on international law, issues in law enforcement, and civil rights, particularly excessive-force arrest and criminal appeals. He is an advocate for AAS decriminalization.

Gary I. Wadler, M.D.

Gary I. Wadler is an internist with special expertise in the field of drug use in sports. He is the lead author of the internationally acclaimed textbook *Drugs and the Athlete*. Dr. Wadler currently serves as chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency’s (WADA) Prohibited List Expert Group and serves as an ex-officio member of WADA’s Health, Medical and Research Committee. Additionally, he has served as a medical adviser to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and a trustee of the board of the American College of Sports Medicine and of the Women’s Sports Foundation. Among his other sports medicine activities, Dr. Wadler has served as tournament physician for the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

For his groundbreaking work in the field of drug abuse in sports, Dr. Wadler received the International Olympic Committee President’s Prize in 1993. He is a frequent lecturer on the subject, and his opinions are widely sought nationally and internationally by the print and electronic media. In 2007 he was selected by the Institute for International Sport as “One of the 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America.”

Dr. Wadler serves chairman of the communications and information committee of the American College of Sports Medicine. In addition, he is chairman of the medical advisory board of the American Ballet Theatre, where he oversees the development of medical guidelines for the healthy and sound training of dancers in the U.S. He is also chairman of the College Council of the State University of New York at Old Westbury.

Dr. Wadler maintains a private practice in internal medicine and sports medicine in Manhasset, New York, and is a clinical associate professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Sports Medicine, the American College of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.
Hofstra Law School is also a proud member of the ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge Program.