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Robert Berry Featured in Corporate Counsel

2/7/00--BCLS Professor [Robert Berry](#) is featured in the December 2000 issue of Corporate Counsel Magazine. The cover article, "Face-Off!", brings six experts in sports law together to discuss the state of professional sports today. The panel also includes Robert Raskopf, a partner at New York's White & Case and a 1976 graduate of BCLS.

Professor Berry, an expert in sports and entertainment law who has served as advisor to such big-name sports figures as Larry Bird, and argued salary arbitration cases for Major League Baseball, joined a roundtable discussion for the magazine that included WNBA General Counsel Jamin Dershowitz, NFL GC Gary Gertzog, NBA EVP of Legal and Business Affairs Joel Litvin, NHL GC David Zimmerman, and Raskopf.



Cover illustration-December edition of Corporate Counsel. Berry depicted in center.

The discussion included opinions ranging from drugs in professional athletics, to player misconduct, the role of the Internet in professional sports, and salary caps.

In a section titled "How to Get Into Sports Law," Berry encourages lawyers to look around. "A lot of lawyers have a narrow idea of what constitutes sports law," Berry says in the article. "I tell them [to think] about becoming good lawyers first." He says that there are many areas in sports law other than the representation of well-known clients. "Cast your net as widely as possible," he says.

"Probably where more hiring is going on right now is at the universities."

Berry is the author of the book Representation of the Professional Athlete, and co-author of Law and Business of the Sports Industries, among others. He has taught at Boston College Law School for almost 30 years, and is one of the world's foremost experts in sports and entertainment law.