

**MARK S. LEVINSTEIN, PARTNER**

Mark Levinstein is a trial lawyer whose practice also includes substantial legal counseling, internal investigations, advising for profit and non-profit Boards about corporate governance and legal compliance, and business transactional work. He concentrates in antitrust law, business litigation, legal malpractice, professional, Olympic, and amateur sports, and representation of clients in crisis situations. He was identified as one of "Washington's Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian* magazine (since 2006), selected by his peers as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* (since 2007), and recognized by *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (since 2007). In more than twenty-eight years at the law firm, he has handled litigation at the trial and appellate levels, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts. The legal subject matter has included antitrust, contract, employment discrimination, franchise, intellectual property, professional liability, labor, RICO, FCPA, sports, tort, unfair competition, and general commercial cases. He is recognized in *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America*, and *Who's Who in the World*.

Mr. Levinstein has been one of the leaders of the Williams & Connolly LLP antitrust and business litigation practices since the mid-1980s. His antitrust practice has involved counseling and trial work for both plaintiffs and defendants, litigation and internal investigations, and criminal antitrust and civil matters. He has represented clients in a wide range of dealings with federal and state government antitrust enforcement agencies. He has worked with major corporations in more than sixty different industries on such matters as preparing and implementing antitrust compliance programs, advising concerning the antitrust implications of possible business initiatives, investigating internal allegations of antitrust violations, and defending mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and other conduct when challenged by government enforcers or private parties.

Mr. Levinstein also has a varied sports law practice, which includes representation of businesses and individuals in sports litigation, arbitration, negotiation, and business planning. Mr. Levinstein's sports-related clients have included amateur, Olympic, and professional athletes; players associations; sports teams, owners, leagues, and league properties organizations; sports associations; national governing bodies; sponsors; licensees; universities;



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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Antitrust
- Arbitration
- General Civil Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- International Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Sports
- Trademark, False Advertising, and Unfair Competition

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982
- University of Virginia, Economic Honors Program, B.A., 1979; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Raven Award; Echols Scholar

**BAR AND COURT****ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth, and District of Columbia Circuits

college and professional coaches; scouts; sports agents; sports management companies and sports event producers; owners of sports facilities; new media and internet companies, and boxing managers and promoters. His practice has involved professional baseball, basketball, boxing, fastpitch softball, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and volleyball, and many amateur, collegiate, and Olympic sports (including bobsled, boxing, cycling, equestrian, figure skating, gymnastics, skiing, swimming, tae-kwon-do, track and field, wrestling, and volleyball). Much of Mr. Levinstein's sports practice has involved controversy work - representing sports clients in anticipation of and in arbitration, litigation, and trial concerning sports-related disputes. However, he has also helped plan and form sports-related businesses, negotiated many sports-related agreements, advised clients concerning governance and ethics issues, negotiated professional sport Collective Bargaining Agreements, and negotiated personal service, internet, television, licensing, marketing, sponsorship, and endorsement agreements. He has counseled businesspeople concerning the formation, ownership, management, expansion, and marketing of professional sports leagues, and advised owners of professional sports teams (and other interested businesses) with respect to the purchase, sale, relocation, and financing of professional sports teams and the financing and leasing of professional sports stadia and arenas.

Mr. Levinstein is a regular speaker and presenter of papers concerning issues related to antitrust law, sports law, corporate governance, and civil trial practice. For several years he served as Chairman of an annual sports law program in New York presented by Law Journal Seminars-Press. Since 1985, Mr. Levinstein has been an adjunct professor of law teaching classes in antitrust and sports law, first at the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, then at the George Washington University National Law Center, and most recently at Georgetown University Law Center, and he is the co-author of a leading sports law casebook. He is also the founder of and serves as the Chair of the Board of Athletes for Hope, a non-profit organization that is a pro bono client of Williams & Connolly LLP.

## GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Law Clerk, Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr., United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 1982-1983

- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Eastern District of Virginia, Eastern District of Michigan, and Central District of California

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, *Sports Law: Cases and Materials* (Carolina Academic Press 2d ed. 2007)
- Contributor to Areeda, *Antitrust Law*, Volumes VI-IX (1982-1991) and
- Supplements (1980-1991)
- Contributor to ABA Section of Antitrust Law, *Antitrust Law Developments* (4th ed. 1997)
- Co-author, *How to Be a Sports Agent* (High Stakes Publishing 2006)