

LON S. BABBY, PARTNER

Lon Babby concentrates in sports law and negotiations and is identified as one of "Washington's Top Lawyers" for Media and Sports law by *Washingtonian* magazine, one of the "20 Most Influential Agents" in the nation by *Sports Business Journal* and one of the 100 most powerful in sports in "Power 100" by *The Sporting News*.

Having practiced sports law at Williams & Connolly LLP for more than 30 years, Mr. Babby has established a ground-breaking practice. Mr. Babby was intimately involved in the firm's representation of the Washington Redskins (1977-1980) and the Baltimore Orioles (1979-1994), first as Club Counsel then as General Counsel. As General Counsel for the Orioles, he was substantially responsible for a wide range of legal matters, including player contract negotiations, advertising and marketing contracts, labor issues, stadium issues (including the construction and development of Oriole Park at Camden Yards), and general business matters.

Currently, Mr. Babby represents Grant Hill, Ray Allen, Tim Duncan, Shane Battier, Tamika Catchings, and dozens of other NBA first round draft choices, WNBA marquee players, and professional baseball players, including Chris Young, Rickie Weeks, Melvin Mora, Chris Ray, Chris Shelton, and a select group of top minor league prospects and high MLB draft picks. Mr. Babby represents these athletes in their player and contract negotiations, licensing negotiations, business structuring, and other matters. He is certified as an agent by the National Basketball Players Association, Women's National Basketball Players Association, and Major League Baseball Players Association.

In addition, he represents numerous members of the media in their contract negotiations with various broadcasting companies.

Mr. Babby has also served as an adjunct professor of law at the George Washington University Law School, teaching a course in Sports Law. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Employment and Labor
- Sports

EDUCATION AND HONORS

- Yale Law School, J.D., 1976; Editor, *Yale Law Journal*
- Lehigh University, B.A., Highest Honors, 1973
- "AV-Rated" by *Martindale-Hubbell®*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia and Connecticut
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and Connecticut
- United States Court of Federal Claims

PUBLICATIONS

- *Aliens Rights to Teach: Political Socialization and the Public Schools*, 85 Yale Law Journal 90 (1976)