

Maureen Arellano Weston

Professor of Law • Arbitrator • Sports Law

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Professional Profile

Professor Maureen A. Weston is an internationally recognized scholar in sports law, arbitration, and Olympic governance. She serves as an Arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (New Era ADR), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), FINRA, and FAIR Sports. She is the author or co-author of leading casebooks on Sports Law and Arbitration and has published extensively on Olympic governance, collegiate athletics, dispute resolution, athlete rights, and international sports regulation. Her teaching, scholarship, and professional service integrate theory with practice through international study tours, arbitration simulations, and leadership within the global sports law community.

Academic Appointment

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (2001–Present)

- Professor of Law & Director, London Program (2026)
- Courses: Sports Law; Olympic & International Sports Law; Ethical Lawyering; Sports Dispute Resolution; Arbitration; Mediation; Negotiation; Civil Procedure.
- Lead faculty for international study tours in Switzerland, Geneva, London, Paris, and other global sports and dispute resolution venues.
- Former Academic Co-Director, Entertainment, Media, Sports & Culture Institute.
- Advisor, Sports & Entertainment Law Society and Dispute Resolution Journal.
- Organizer of numerous conferences on Olympic governance, college sports; sports arbitration, esports, SafeSport, and dispute resolution.

University of Oklahoma College of Law
Associate Professor (1995-2001)

Norman, Oklahoma

University of Colorado School of Law
Visiting Professor (2008, 2015)

Boulder, Colorado

Education

University of Colorado School of Law (Juris Doctor)

Boulder, Colorado

University of Denver, Bachelor of Arts

Denver, Colorado

Arbitration & Neutral Appointments

- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Arbitrator (2025–Present)
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (New Era ADR), Arbitrator
- American Arbitration Association (AAA), Arbitrator
- FINRA, Public Arbitrator

- FAIR Sports, Arbitrator
- California Mandatory Fee Arbitration

Leadership & Professional Service

- Member, NCAA Committee on Infractions
- Board of Directors, Sports Lawyers Association
- Editorial Board, LawInSport
- ABA Arbitration Competition Committee
- Coach and advisor for international sports arbitration competitions

Prior Professional Employment

Holme Roberts & Owen Boulder, Colorado
Law practice in civil litigation, with emphasis in employment, trade secret, receivership and commercial dispute matters

Faegre & Benson Denver, Colorado

U.S. General Accountability Office (GAO) Denver, Colorado

Research & Teaching Interests

College Athletics & NIL • Olympic Governance • International Sports Arbitration • Court of Arbitration for Sport • Anti-Doping • SafeSport • Disability Law • Athlete Mental Health • Human Rights in Sport • International Commercial Arbitration

Authored Casebooks

- Sports Law: Cases & Materials (Carolina Academic Press, 6th- 10th ed. 2024)
- Arbitration Law, Policy & Practice (Carolina Academic Press, 1st- 2nd ed. 2024)
- Sports Law for Sports Management (Carolina Academic Press, 2024)
- Understanding Alternative Dispute Resolution (Carolina Academic Press, 2024)

Select Recent Publications (2021–Present)

Authored Papers at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=94954

- *House Aftershocks: Governing and Competing in College Sports, Inc.*, - NYU Int. & Ent. L. Rev. – (forthcoming 2026)
- *Confidentiality's Double Bind: Grillo's Enduring Process Critique in Modern Sexual Misconduct Settlement*, DISCUSSIONS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION (VOLUME III) (Oxford University Press, 2026)
- *College Sports as Work: College Athletes as Employees The Answer or An Existential Threat?*, 21 St. Thomas L. J. v3 (2025)
- *Olympic Dreams Dashed: Arbitrating Seconds, Grams, Identity and Time at the Olympic Games Paris 2024*, 25 Nevada L. J. 257 (2025)
- *Strategic Shifts: The Corporate Playbook on Arbitration, Class Actions, Mass Arbitration, and Privatized Justice*, DISCUSSIONS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION (VOLUME II): THE COMING OF AGE (2000-2009) (Oxford University Press, 2025)

- *Off the Guardrails: Name Image Likeness and the College Athlete Influencer*, 11 TEXAS A&M L. REV. 911 (2024)
- *State Arbitration Law in a FAA Preemption World*, in THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT: SUCCESSES, FAILURES, AND A ROADMAP FOR REFORM, Bales & Gross, eds., Cambridge University Press (2024).
- *Breaking Cultural and Financial Barriers in Olympic Sports*, 26 VANDERBILT J. ENT. & TECH. LAW 347 (2024).
- [*The Anxious Athlete: Mental Health and Sports Duty and Advantage to Address*](#), 13 HARVARD SPORTS LAW JOURNAL 1 (2022)
- [*Daily Fantasy Sports and The Law in the USA*](#), INT'L SPORTS LAW J. (2021)
- [*Buying Secrecy: Non-Disclosure, Arbitration, and Professional Ethics in the #MeToo Era*](#), 2021 ILL. L. REV. 507 (2021)
- [*The Lasting Impact of COVID-19 on Sports: Financial, Legal, and Innovation*](#), 61 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 121 (2021)
- [*Lawyering and Representing Clients in a Public Health Crisis*](#), 56 Gonzaga L. Rev. 259 (2021)

Select Earlier Publications

- *The International Right to Sport for People with Disabilities*, 28 MARQ. SPORTS LAW J. 1 (2018)
- *The Regulation of Doping in U.S. and International Sports*, Michael McCann, Ed., HANDBOOK ON SPORTS LAW (Oxford University Press) (2017)
- *Tackling Abuse in Sport through Dispute System Design*, 13 ST. THOMAS L. REV. 434 (2016)
- *Money on the Table: Reconsidering College Sports Video Games and Athlete Publicity Rights Post NCAA Student-Athlete Likeness Litigation*, 5 MISS. SPORTS L. REV. 1 (2015)
- *The Clash: Squaring Agency and Representative Recourse with Mandatory Arbitration*, 89 SO. CAL. L. REV. 105 (2015)
- *Gamechanger: NCAA Student-Athlete Likeness Litigation and the Future of College Sports*, 3 MISS. SPORTS L. REV. 80 (2014)
- *The New Normal in College Sports: Realigned and Reckoning*, 41 PEPP. LAW REV. 209 (2013).
- *The Accidental Preemption Statute: Federal Arbitration Act and Displacement of State Agency Regulation*, 6 PENN STATE YB. ARB. & MED. 59 (2013).
- *The Public Costs of Private Judging*, Conference on Justice, Conflict and Well-Being (2013)
- *The Death of Class Arbitration After Concepcion*, 60 KANS. L. REV. 101 (2012).
- *NCAA Sanctions: Assigning Blame Where It Belongs*, 52 BOSTON COLLEGE L. REV. 551 (2011).
- *The Other Avenues of Hall Street and Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards*, Lewis & Clark Rev 2010)
- *Anatomy of the First Public International Sports Arbitration and the Future of Public Arbitration After USADA v. Floyd Landis*, 2010 PENN STATE YB. ARB. & MED. 234.

- *Simply a Dress Rehearsal? U.S. Olympic Sports Arbitration and De Novo Review at the Court of Arbitration for Sport*, 28 GEORGIA J. INT'L & COMP. L. 101 (2009).
- *Doping Control, Mandatory Arbitration and Process Dangers for Accused Athletes in International Sports*, 10 PEPP. DISP. RESOL. J. 5 (2009) (Symposium on Arbitrating Sports).
- *The Fantasy of Athlete Publicity Rights*, 11 CHAPMAN L. REV. (2008)
- *Preserving the Federal Arbitration Act by Reining in Judicial Expansion and Mandatory Use*, 8 NEV. L. J. 385 (2007).
- *Internationalization in College Sports: Issues in Recruiting, Amateurism, and Scope*, 42 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 101 (Fall 2006).
- *Universes Colliding: The Constitutional Implications of Arbitral Class Actions*, 47 WILLIAM & MARY L. REV. 1711 (2005).
- *The Intersection of Disability and Sports: Assessing Challenges to Rules of Participation and Play by Athletes with Disabilities*, 50 ST. LOUIS UNIV. L.J. 137 (2005).
- *Reexamining Arbitral Immunity in an Age of Mandatory and Professional Arbitration*, 88 MINN. L. REV. 449 (2004).
- *Confidentiality's Constitutionality: The Incursion on Judicial Powers to Regulate Parties in Court-Connected Mediation*, 8 HARV. NEG. L.J. 29 (2003).
- *California New Arbitrator Ethics Standards: A Primer for Compliance and Confusion?*, ABA, Arbitration News (2002).
- *Checks on Participant Conduct in Compulsory ADR: Reconciling the Need for Good Faith Participation, Autonomy, and Confidentiality*, 73 IND. L.J. 591 (2001).
- *Academic Standards or Discriminatory Hoops: Learning Disabled Students and the NCAA Initial Eligibility Requirements*, 66 TENN. L. REV. 499 (1999)

Keynote & Invited Presentations

- *Sports Law Developments*, Sports Lawyer Association Conference (Annually 2022-2026)
- *Arbitration Law Update*, ABA Dispute Resolution Conference (Annually 2025)
- *International & Olympic Sports Law*, Oregon Law Summer Sports Law Institute (2014-2026)
- *Sports Arbitration Heading into LA28*, California International Arbitration Week
- *Dispute Resolution in Sports*, LawInSport Global Sports Summit (London 2024)
- *The Law on Disability & Mental Health in Sport*, Marquette National Sports Law Institute (2024)
- [Emerging Issues in Sports Law Symposium](#), Univ. of St. Thomas Law (2024)
- [Sportswashing, AI in Sports, and NCAA Realignment](#), New York University Law (2024)
- [U.S. Patent & Trademark Law Symposium on AI and IP](#), Loyola Law School (2024)
- *College Athlete IP Rights*, [USC Intellectual Property Institute](#), (March 19, 2024)
- Moderator, *In Conversation with NFL Exec. Dir. DeMaurice Smith*, Pepperdine Law (2024)
- *Perspectives on Olympic & International Sports Governance*, Georgia State Law (2024)

- Moderator, *Women, Life, Freedom and Sport*, (2024)
- Keynote, *Arbitrating Sports*, [University of Nevada Las Vegas Law Center](#) (2024)
- Dean Speaker Series, *Name, Image, Likeness Madness & The Law*, Oklahoma Law (2023)
- A Revolution in College Sports, California Central District Judges (2022)
- *The Anxious Athlete: Mental Health & Sports' Duty to Address*, Harvard Law School (2021)
- Insights on the Decision and Impact of Postponing* the Tokyo2020 Games, SLA (2020)
- Arbitration at the Ballot Box, ABA Webinar, (May 12, 2020)
- Representing Organizational Clients in a Public Health Crisis, Gonzaga Clarke Prize Symposium (April 2020)
- Major Directions in Sports Law Policy, Santa Clara Law Review (2020)
- ADR Works in Progress, *Ethical Obligations of Lawyers, Neutrals, and ADR in #MeToo Secret Settlements* (2019)
- Panelist, *International Sports*, National Sports Law Institute, Marquette University (Oct. 2019)
- Panelist, Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers for Global Sports Law Practice, LawInSport Annual Conference (London 2019)
- Moderator, *Inside Sports Arbitration*, Sports Lawyers Association Annual Conference (2019)
- Organizer, *Esports Summit: Law, Industry, & Dispute Resolution* (2019), Institute for Entertainment, Media, Sports & Culture; JAMS; Sports Lawyer Association.
- In Conversation with DeMaurice Smith, NFLPA Executive Director (2019)
- *Inside Baseball: LA Dodgers' former GM Ned Colletti* (2019)
- *NCAA v. Alston: Will Amateurism Survive?* ABA Antitrust & Sports (2019)
- Keynote, *Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (CBF)*, Brazil Football Confederation (2018).
- *Emerging Legal Issues in Professional Sports*, National Sports Law Institute Annual Conference, Marquette University School of Law (2018)
- *Safeguarding Sport: Can We Create a Gold Standard for SafeSport?*, Law In Sport Annual Conference (London, England. 2018)
- Judicial Delegation, *Common Law, Civil Law, Stare Decisis, and Precedent; Private Resolution of Disputes Involving Multi-System Parties and Laws* (Brazil) (2018)
- *Mediation in the Entertainment & Sports Industries*, Goa India Academy Online Masterclass (2018)
- *Ethical and Counseling Dilemmas Faced by Corporate Counsel in the #MeToo Era: Counselor or Whistleblower?*, Sports Lawyers Association Conference (2018)
- *Mock Live Athlete Sport Doping Arbitration before Court of Arbitration for Sport*, Sports Lawyer Association Conference (Washington DC) (2018)
- *Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, Dispute Resolution Israel (2018)
- *Arbitration Law, Ethics, & Practice*, Independent Film & Television Association, American Film Market (Santa Monica) (Oct. 2017)
- Sports Lawyer Association Conference, *Current Legal Issues in Player Health & Harvard Player Health Study* (Denver (2017)

- ABA, Section on Dispute Resolution, *Judge Gorsuch on Arbitration*, (2017)
- AALS, Section on Law & Sports: *Hedging Their Bets: Fantasy Sports* (2017)
- *Ethical Landmines to Navigate in the Next Frontier of Private Dispute Resolution*, Ohio State Symposium on Philosophy, Technology & ADR (2016)
- *Heeding Pope Francis's Laudato Si's Call to Action through Dispute Resolution*, Fordham University School of Law (2016)
- *Let's Play Ball: Mediation Advocacy in Sports Industry Cases*, JAMS (2016)
- ABA Section of Antitrust Law's Trade, Sports, *O'Bannon v. NCAA* (2016)
- JAMS, Sports & Entertainment Practice Group, *Sports and the Industry* (2016)
- *Tackling Abuse in Sport Through Dispute System Design* (St. Thomas Law, 2015)
- University of Colorado School of Law, *Arbitration Law: Current Issues* (2015)
- *SafeSport: Creating a Process to Ensure a Safe Sporting Environment*, Marquette University (2015)
- *Doped: The Dirty Side of Sports*, Colorado Center for Sports Governance (2015)
- *Issues in Sports Law*, 9th Circuit Judicial Conference (2015)
- Southeastern Ass'n of Law Schools, *Amateurism in College Sports; Governance in ADR* (2015)
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution, London/Paris/Geneva (2009-2020)
- *Mandatory Arbitration's and Administrative Agency Processes* (2014)
- University of Wyoming, *Doping and International Sports Law* (2014)
- *Intersectional Perspectives on Title IX*, Pepperdine Law (2014)
- *The Clash: Mandatory Arbitration and Administrative Agency Access*, Marquette Law (2014)
- Oregon Law Review, *Symposium on NCAA In Crisis*, Eugene, OR (2014)
- *ADR & The Regulatory State*; AALS Sports Law Section, Organizer, *Unprecedented Changes in College Sports*, New York, NY (2014)
- Mississippi Law Review Symposium, *The Future of Amateurism in College Athletics* (2013)
- *New Normal in College Sports: Realigned & Reckoning*, Pepperdine Law Review (2013)
- *Arbitration Preemption and Displaced Agency Governance*, Penn State Law (2013)

Community Service & Interests

Volunteer Tutor for Housing Insecure Elementary School Students, **School on Wheels (2023 to Present)**. Former Volunteer, Agoura High Tennis; Commissioner/Board of Directors, Malibu Little League; Coach, AYSO Soccer. USTA League Tennis; Yoga, Skiing, Hiking, Piano, and my dogs.

Bar Admission: Colorado (Inactive)