

ANTI-DOPING PRACTICE



Our Anti-Doping team literally wrote the book on doping matters, having served as the principal draftsmen of the World Anti-Doping Code in 2003 and the amendments thereto in 2008, 2013 and 2019. The latest round of amendments, in which our team worked with foreign sport ministers and various sports organizations from around the world, went into effect January 1, 2021. Our Anti-Doping practice leader, Rich Young, often referred to as the “grandfather of the anti-doping movement,” is one of the world’s leading experts on the subject of doping in sports and serves as outside counsel for the World Anti-Doping Agency, the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority.

We have handled high profile cases for the World Anti-Doping Agency, the United States Anti-Doping Agency and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and advised a variety of sports clients in connection with anti-doping matters, notably including the following select representations:

- ▶ Represented the United States Anti-Doping Agency in its doping cases against Tour De France winners Lance Armstrong and Floyd Landis as well as Tyler Hamilton
- ▶ Represented the United States Anti-Doping Agency in its doping case against Marion Jones and other Gold Medal winners involved in the BALCO doping scandal
- ▶ Advised the National Basketball Association (NBA), Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and WTA Tour (women’s professional tennis) in connection with their drug testing programs
- ▶ Advised the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in connection with “The Mitchell Report” regarding steroid usage in baseball
- ▶ Serve as counsel to the McLaren Commission in its investigation of anti-doping irregularities in Russia, which served as the basis for the decisions on eligibility of Russian athletes to participate in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio
- ▶ Advising the World Anti-Doping Agency in connection with various matters related to the eligibility of Russian athletes to participate in the February 2018 Winter Olympic Games
- ▶ Drafted anti-doping rules for a number of professional sports, including the PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, World Surf League and the UFC
- ▶ Represented the Australian Anti-Doping Authority in Australian Rules Football cases related to the National Rugby Leagues
- ▶ Advised the Golf Channel (World’s Longest Drive Championship) and World Triathlon Corporation/Ironman regarding various anti-doping policies.

OUR TEAM

Our Anti-Doping team consists of lawyers with significant experience in advising clients in connection with all aspects of anti-doping matters. For additional information, please contact our team leaders:

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