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## **PARTNER AUTHORS ARTICLE IN LAWINSPOORT ON BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTION OF MASS SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS**

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BCLP Partner Sarah Hartley authored an [article published June 21 by LawInSport](#) examining the historic use of U.S. bankruptcy proceedings to resolve sexual abuse claims, with a particular focus on the USA Gymnastics (USAG) bankruptcy case. Her article looks at the benefits of the bankruptcy process in resolving mass tort and sexual abuse claims; USAG's declaration of bankruptcy and its effect on the claims asserted against USAG by the survivors of sexual abuse; and lessons for sport governing bodies and sexual abuse survivors from the use of bankruptcy processes to resolve serial claims of sexual abuse. Hartley is a member of BCLP's Sports & Entertainment Group and has handled numerous contentious disputes regarding allegations of sexual misconduct by coaches, athletic personnel, and others, and has assisted in the development of Safe Sport policies and arbitration procedures for the new U.S. Center for Safe Sport.

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