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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Suzanne represents sports national governing bodies and international federations in domestic and international arbitration and in internal grievance proceedings, including in the areas of athlete protection, “opportunity to compete” and selection challenges, compliance claims, doping cases, and a wide array of other disputes within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement and sports more broadly. Since she joined the firm, she has represented over twenty sports organizations in over ninety of these types of disputes.

Suzanne is well known for her work designing and implementing athlete protection policies on behalf of both professional and amateur sports organizations. In addition, she regularly advises sports clients on the development, implementation, and enforcement of bylaws, selection procedures, and other organizational rules, policies, and procedures. Suzanne has also played a key

role in obtaining recognition and sanctioning for new and emerging sports, and maintaining the good standing of existing sports in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

As part of her sports practice, Suzanne regularly advises clients on nonprofit formation, governance, board disputes, and other issues unique to nonprofit organizations.

Prior to joining BCLP, Suzanne served as a judicial clerk for Judges Richard Gabriel and Russell Carparelli on the Colorado Court of Appeals. She is a former course record holder in the Pikes Peak Cycling Hill Climb Ascent (2015) and she was the 2012 Professional Women's New York State Road Race champion in cycling.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- El Paso County Bar Association

## **SPOKEN LANGUAGES**

- French

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Colorado, 2013

## **EDUCATION**

Columbia University, J.D., 2013

Cornell University, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 2010

## **RELATED PRACTICE AREAS**

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Marketing & Advertising
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Sports & Entertainment Contract, Endorsement & Celebrity Representation Practice
- Anti-Doping Practice

- Sports & Event Venue Real Estate Infrastructure and Operation
- Naming Rights & Sponsorship Practice
- Sports & Entertainment M&A Practice
- Sports & Entertainment Litigation Practice
- Collegiate Sports Practice
- Sports & Entertainment Specialty Counseling Practice
- Entertainment Industry Practice
- Olympic & National Governing Body Practice
- Professional Sports Team Practice
- Sports & Event Financing
- Sports & Entertainment

## EXPERIENCE

- Obtained dismissal of two grievances against a National Governing Body over its World Championships selection procedures
- Represented National Governing Bodies in numerous internal hearings to successfully ban or suspend members on the basis of misconduct
- Second-chaired an anti-doping rule violation hearing before the Court of Arbitration for Sport
- Advised a sports client in negotiations to livestream its event for the first time in history

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[Clean Air Risk Management Plan Issues and Enforcement; Air Quality Issues Affecting Oil, Gas, and Mining Development and Operations 12-1 \(Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn. 2018\)](#)".

## RELATED INSIGHTS

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## **Sports & Entertainment Group Advises XBTO in Jersey Sponsorship Agreement with Inter Miami CF**

BCLP advised firm client XBTO, a global leader in cryptofinance, in its high-profile jersey sponsorship deal with Inter Miami CF of Major League Soccer, beginning with the club's next game at home against the New York Red Bulls on Friday, September 17. The XBTO logo will also be prominently featured at DRV PNK Stadium.

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