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# Introduction

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This edition of *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer* is another example of the many exciting ways in which the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University is changing and growing. Chartered this year, the Entertainment and Sports Law Society at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University provides a creative outlet for students' intellectual curiosity regarding the legal problems arising in the unique enterprises of entertainment and athletics. This volume is the first under the publication's new title—*Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*.

This edition features articles on a range of practical and theoretical issues by academics and practitioners: Dawn Phillips-Hertz, General Counsel of the Michigan Press Association, writes about the unusual problems surrounding Michigan's prohibition against certain types of photographs or photographic displays—a statute growing out of the efforts of a photography crew to produce a documentary on the shipwreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Steven Dulan offers a general overview of practical problems arising in the practice of entertainment law, especially for the sole practitioner. Finally, this issue features a look at the rules of copyright infringement of musical works and sound recordings by Brett Emmanuel, a graduate of Loyola University School of Law, as well as a review of the fair use doctrine by Michael Bazzi and Martha Widdows—students at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University.

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In short, the Editorial Board of *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, through its energy and enthusiasm, again attracted a variety of important and interesting writings which will serve to stimulate debate and further scholarship in this fascinating and ever-changing field. On behalf of the Faculty of the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University, I offer my thanks and congratulations to the members and staff of the Editorial Board on this distinguished effort.

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