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SOONER SPORTS MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM

“MEDICAL-LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS IN ATHLETIC MEDICINE”

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Steve Pachman



Steven Pachman is a partner in Montgomery McCracken's Litigation Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As part of Pachman's personal injury defense practice, he advises school officials and attorneys, risk managers, athletic trainers and athletic departments, physicians and other health care professionals on institutional liability issues concerning sport-related concussions, Second Impact Syndrome and other sport-related injuries. Pachman has represented individuals and school systems in multiple catastrophic injury cases arising out of alleged premature return-to-play decisions and other negligence theories in the sports' context, including several high-profile, nationally-publicized cases against NCAA member and other schools, athletic trainers, coaches, nurse practitioners, and other school personnel involving catastrophically-injured football players who allegedly sustained prior concussions and Second Impact Syndrome. Pachman also has represented major corporations in mass tort actions, insurance coverage matters and product liability disputes. Pachman is a frequent speaker on legal matters concerning the proper management of sport-related concussions and other sport-related injuries, and has authored a number of articles on the specific topics of how schools and school

officials, athletic trainers and other health care professionals can minimize their risk of legal liability for sport-related injuries and defend against lawsuits arising out of catastrophic sport-related events. Pachman has been recognized as a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers* (published annually by Thomson Reuters) in 2012, 2013, and 2014. He is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, and also is licensed to practice in the U.S. Court of International Trade. Pachman received his law degree from Temple University School of Law in 1996, where he was an editor of the *Temple Law Review* and graduated *cum laude*. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he was a Dean's Scholar and graduated *summa cum laude*, with a B.A. degree in 1993.

Eugene Egdorf



Eugene "Gene" R. Egdorf has been with The Lanier Law Firm, Houston, Texas, since 1998. Gene recently acted as lead counsel in a high-profile case representing the family of Rice University student athlete Dale R. Lloyd II in a wrongful death lawsuit against the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The settlement resulted in the NCAA recommending, for the first time, that all collegiate student-athletes be tested for the sickle cell trait. Gene also serves as Vice President and General Counsel for ETL Associates, Inc., one of the nation's most respected corporations devoted solely to the representation and management of professional athletes. He further navigated the waters to bring about the high profile EA Sports settlement. Under his leadership, thousands of current and former NCAA student-athletes received a landmark settlement, with video game giant EA Sports and the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC), over the unauthorized use of their names and likenesses. Gene was honored as a "Rising Star" in the legal community in *Texas Monthly* magazine in 2005 and again in 2006. In 2012, he

was also named by *Texas Monthly* as a Texas Super Lawyer, and was selected as a Top AV Rated Lawyer by Martindale - Hubbell. Further, the National Trial Lawyers Association named him one of the nation's Top Trial Lawyers in 2011 and 2012. Gene attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his undergraduate degree with honors in 1988. He earned his law degree the University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and graduated with honors in 1991. Gene is licensed to practice in all Texas courts, as well as United States District Courts in the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of Texas. Gene also is admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Supreme Court of the United States. He is a certified contract advisor with the NFL Players Association as well as for the Canadian Football League.

Stanley Pelofsky MD



Board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, Dr. Pelofsky has served as Assistant Professor, Division of Neurosurgery, at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital, Veterans Hospital and Oklahoma Children's Hospital. Dr. Pelofsky specializes in herniated discs, cervical and lumbar surgery, carpal tunnel syndrome, surgery of the skull base, pituitary and intracranial tumors. Dr. Pelofsky has received recognition for his involvement and contributions to the medical community. He was appointed to the State of Oklahoma Advisory Council of Traumatic Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury and the Advisory Board for Spinal Cord and Head Injuries. He is widely published in numerous professional journals. Dr. Pelofsky established practice with Neuroscience Specialists in 1973. He holds memberships in the

American Association of Neurological Surgeons, serving as its President 2001-2002; the Congress of Neurological Surgeons; the American Medical Association, the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Neurological Society, the Oklahoma City Surgical Society, the American College of Surgeons; the Royal Society of Medicine, London, England; and the North American Spine Society. He was recently awarded the Ellis Island medal for his lifelong work in the neurosciences. In April 2013, Dr. Pelofsky was awarded a Lifetime Neurosurgical Achievement Award by the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies

Brock Schnebel MD



An Alva, Oklahoma native, Dr. Schnebel is a clinical associate professor at the University of Oklahoma, Division of Sports Medicine. He completed his medical education at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine followed by fellowships in trauma in Austria, spine surgery at the Alamo Bone and Joint Association in San Antonio, and the Kerlan Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in Los Angeles. After a fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Basel in Switzerland, he joined McBride Clinic/Bone & Joint Hospital in 1987. Dr. Schnebel serves as the team physician for Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and Head Team Physician for OU. Working with the Olympics since 1990, he was chosen by the United States Olympic Committee's Sports Medicine committee to serve as the head physician for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Australia.



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- 7:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
Scott Anderson ATC
- 8:15 a.m. **Framing the Issue**
Brock Schnebel MD
- 8:45 a.m. **A Neurosurgical Perspective on Concussion ("It's more than having your bell rung")**
Stan Pelofsky MD
- 9:25 a.m. **The NCAA Concussion Settlement**
Gene Egdorf
- 9:55 a.m. **Head Injury Litigation Update**
Steve Pachman
- 10:25 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. **Vickey v. Oklahoma College [A Mock Trial]**
- Parting Pearls of Wisdom**
Eugene Egdorf
- Parting Pearls of Wisdom**
Steve Pachman

GENERAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss through oral presentations medical-legal implication in management of injury in athletes.
2. Review, specifically, medical-legal implication in management of concussion in athletes.
3. Discuss current trends in sports medicine with respect to medical-legal implication in management of injury in athletes.

REGISTRATION:

Online: <http://2015soonersportssymposium.eventbrite.com>

Non-Student Registration \$50.00 Students – Complimentary Registration

No refunds will be granted as of January 2, 2015

Symposium questions should be directed to Wendy Plummer: (405) 325-8422

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Physicians may self-claim one (1) AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ for each 60-minute hour engaged in the learning activity and claim credit in 15 minute, or .25 credit increments and round to the nearest quarter hour.

The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision, Physical Therapy Advisory Committee, has approved 5 Category A hours for physical therapists' 2014-15 reporting period.

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