

David G. Feher

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Practice Description

David G. Feher is a partner in the Firm's New York Litigation Department, and is one of the leading sports lawyers in the country. He is one of the principal negotiators of the collective bargaining agreements in the National Football League (1993, 1996, 1998 & 2002) and the National Basketball Association (1996 & 1999), and is an expert on the Salary Cap and team revenues in each of those sports.

Mr. Feher has been involved in numerous prominent sports cases, including the Freeman McNeil free agency trial, the Reggie White and Patrick Ewing class actions, the Montreal Expos/Jeffrey Loria litigation, the Arena Football League class action, the Oakland A's valuation arbitration, the Curtis Martin arbitration, the Bill Belichick/New York Jets litigation, and the Latrell Sprewell grievance. Mr. Feher also represented Joe Smith in an arbitration that overturned the NBA's efforts to prevent Mr. Smith from re-signing with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Mr. Feher successfully defended Avon Products, Inc. against a \$100 million false advertising claim in the 1997 S.C. Johnson v. Avon Products trial concerning consumer use of Avon bath oil as an insect repellent, and negotiated Avon's sponsorship of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He has also represented a large number of large U.S. and international companies in antitrust and other matters, and has extensive experience litigating complex commercial disputes. Mr. Feher's practice has included representation of the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the "decimalization" of NYSE trading operations, involvement in the Nasdaq price fixing class action, and advising various companies involved in price-fixing investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Feher often writes and speaks on sports and antitrust topics, and has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- United States District Courts
 - Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals
 - Fifth Circuit

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Practice

- Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group
- Sports Law Group

Education

J.D., 1984, *Article Editor*,
Duke Law Journal,
Duke University School of Law

A.B., 1980, *magna cum laude*,
Georgetown University

Bar Associations

- Sports Lawyers Association

Publications

- *Corporate Counsellor's Deskbook*, Chapter 12, "The Corporate Counsellor & Antitrust," co-author (5th ed.)
- *Antitrust Magazine*, "The Adverse Effects of Brown v. Pro Football on Labor Relations in Professional Sports," co-author (Spring 2000 Issue)

Speeches and Programs

- November 13, 1997, Philadelphia, PA, "Antitrust Principles," Guest Lecturer, Corporate Lawyering, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- February 24, 1998, New York, NY, "Sports Arena Financing & Leasing," Fordham Sports Law Symposium
- April 16, 1999, Camden, NJ, "Current Business & Legal Issues in Sports Law, Collective Bargaining/Antitrust Cases in the NBA and NFL," Rutgers Law School
- October 14, 1999, Philadelphia, PA, "Antitrust Principles," Guest Lecturer, Corporate Lawyering, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- November 10, 1999, New York, NY, "Revenue Sharing: Player-Owner Cooperation or Confrontation", Sports Values & Finance, Kagan Seminars, Inc.
- February 15, 2000, New Haven, CT, "Recent Developments in Sports Law," Yale Entertainment & Sports Law Association, Spring Speaker Series, Yale Law School
- February 17, 2000, New York, NY, "Understanding Business & Legal Aspects of the Sports Industry," Player Contracts, Player Conduct & Discipline, Practising Law Institute
- November 10, 2000, New York, New York, NY, "Developments in Sports Arbitration," New York Law School & New York State Bar Association, Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section: Committee on Professional Sports, 4th Annual Sports Law Symposium
- February 15, 2001, New York, NY, "Player Conduct & Discipline," Understanding Business & Legal Aspect of the Sports Industry, Practising Law Institute
- April 17, 2001, New York, NY, "Sports & Entertainment Law Panel," Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Black Law Students Association
- April 18, 2001, New York, NY, "Revenue Sharing, Contraction, Arbitration, and Other Related Issues In Major League Baseball," Columbia Law School, Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Society Panel
- November 29, 2001, New York, NY, "Sports Law & Dispute Resolution Symposium," Moderator, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- February 22, 2002, New York, NY, "Special State Income Taxes on Visiting Professional Athletes," Fox National News
- March 15, 2002, New York, NY, "Conflicts of Interest in Sports," Fordham Law School, 6th Annual Symposium on Current Legal Issues in Sports
- April 10, 2002, New York, NY, "Careers as Labor and Employment Lawyers in the Entertainment and Sports Industries," New York University Law School, Center for Labor and Employment Law
- December 11, 2002, New York, NY, "Collective Bargaining in Sports," Industrial Relations Research Association, New York City Chapter
- June 6, 2003, San Juan, Puerto Rico, "Bunts, Dunks, Punts and Strikes in Professional Sports Arbitration," Proceedings of the 55th Annual meeting of the National Academy of Arbitrators