

## TJSL Hosts Major Sports Law Conference on the BCS and Big-Time College Football

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The first event organized by TJSL's new Center for Sports Law and Policy is taking on a major topic: the college football Bowl Championship Series (the BCS) and the future of big-time college football.

The center is hosting a conference on November 17-18, 2011, that will feature a roster of big players - leading sports lawyers, collegiate athletics policy-makers and sportswriters who will tackle the legal and policy issues associated with the BCS and the future of big-time college football.

Led by Distinguished Professor of Law Rodney Smith, who is a respected scholar and a recognized figure in the world of sports law, the Center for Sports Law and Policy was formed, in part, to help facilitate the

exploration of major sports law and policy issues.

"In keeping with its commitment to fairness and balance, as it examines such issues, the center has arranged for speakers who represent a wide range of viewpoints," said Professor Smith. "For example, the Attorney General of Utah, who has initiated an antitrust action against the BCS, and attorneys representing the BCS will be in attendance, as will leading policy-makers representing a wide range of views, including Roy Kramer, former commissioner of the SEC, who is often referred to as the 'father of the BCS,' and a co-founder of the leading PAC opposing the BCS. The issues discussed will reach well beyond whether we should continue with the BCS or have a national championship in big-time intercollegiate football. Participants will be responding in thoughtful ways to the broader, yet pressing, question: what is the future of big-time college football?"

Circle your calendars for Thursday, November 17, and Friday, November 18, and be sure not to miss this important and provocative event.

To register online and to see a list of speakers and the program schedule:

<http://www.tjssl.edu/conferences/bcs>

TJSL Students, Faculty and Staff who register in advance may attend at no charge

