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Benjamin's practice focuses on sports, antitrust and labor law.

Benjamin represents clients in pre-dispute legal advice, mediation, arbitration, and federal and state court litigation. Benjamin has represented a variety of sports industry clients, including sports unions, college and professional athletes, sports agencies, and a European football team.

Key Matters

- Served as counsel for the National Football League Players Association in litigation and arbitration matters, including grievances involving NFL players such as Ezekiel Elliott, Colin Kaepernick, Eric Reid, Antonio Brown, and Dante Fowler.
- Part of the *Jenkins v. NCAA* and *Alston v. NCAA* case teams, landmark antitrust suits filed against the NCAA and its conferences by a group of current and former college athletes that struck down unlawful compensation restraints imposed by the NCAA on Division I Men's and Women's basketball and FBS Football programs.
- Represented a major Hollywood talent agency in lawsuits against the writers' guilds.
- Served as General Counsel for a leading baseball agency, where his work included representing baseball players in salary arbitration negotiations and hearings. In 2022, Benjamin represented clients in four winning salary

arbitration cases—the most wins ever by one agency in a single season.

Activities

Benjamin maintains an active pro bono practice. He has successfully represented clients seeking asylum in the United States. He represented a USA Track & Field athlete challenging eligibility rules prior to the 2020 Olympic Games.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Benjamin received a B.S., magna cum laude, in Education in 2012 from University of Miami. He received a J.D. in 2016 from UCLA School of Law where he also received the Masin Family Academic Excellence Award in Sports Law and was president of the Sports Law Federation, co-chair of the Homelessness Prevention Law Clinic, and co-chair of the Public Counsel CARES Law Clinic.

ADMISSIONS

- California
- New York

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PRESS RELEASE

Double-Amputee Sprinter Blake Leeper Files Challenge In Swiss Supreme Court To Overturn CAS Ruling Permitting World Athletics To Bar Him From Competing Against Non-Disabled Athletes Based On Racially Discriminatory Rule

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

PRESS RELEASE

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Invalidates World Athletics Rule Imposing Burden of Proof on Disabled Athletes to Prove No Competitive Advantage as Unlawful and Discriminatory, But Then Bars Double-Amputee Sprinter Blake Leeper from Competing on His Blades on Racially Discriminatory Grounds

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RECOGNITIONS

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Double-Amputee Blake Leeper Appeals World Athletics' Denial Of Application To Compete Against Non-Disabled Athletes, Including In The 2020 Olympic Games

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Winston & Strawn LLP Announcement: IAAF Appoints Advisory Panel to Review Whether to Permit Double-Amputee Blake Leeper to Compete Against Non-Disabled Athletes, Including in the 2020 Olympics

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

NEWS

Blake Leeper Permitted to Race in USATF Outdoor Championships While he Pursues Application to IAAF to Compete Against Non-Disabled Athletes

JULY 25, 2019

NEWS

Federal Court Finds the NCAA in Violation of the Antitrust Laws

MARCH 8, 2019

NEWS

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Capabilities

Antitrust/Competition

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