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Jeffrey Mishkin, the former Executive Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer of the National Basketball Association, and for the past twenty-one years the head of the Sports Practice at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom, is one of the most pre-eminent sports law practitioners in the United States and around the world, as both an advocate and an arbitrator. He has particular expertise in complex sports-related disputes concerning antitrust, intellectual property, labor and a wide range of other business and commercial matters.



As Executive Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer, Mr. Mishkin oversaw every aspect of the NBA's legal affairs, including all litigation, labor relations, commercial transactions, legislation, and enforcement of the league's intellectual property rights and its anti-drug program, personally trying and arguing the NBA's most important cases. His representation of the NBA has spanned more than four decades.

At Skadden, Mr. Mishkin's practice expanded to include representation of the PGA TOUR, National Football League, National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, National Collegiate Athletic Association, United States Tennis Association, Major League Baseball Advanced Media, Collegiate Licensing Association, Madison Square Garden, New York Knicks, New York Rangers, New Jersey (now Brooklyn) Nets, Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns, Toronto Raptors, Toronto Maple Leafs, Denver Nuggets, Indiana Pacers, San Antonio Spurs, Miami Heat, St. Louis Cardinals and many other sports organizations.

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Mr. Mishkin has also represented high-profile athletes, including the then number-one-ranked golfer in the world in a dispute against his former sponsor.

In addition to representing entities and individuals in sports-related disputes, Mr. Mishkin has served for many years as an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the American Arbitration Association North American Court of Arbitration for Sport. He served as Chair of the Arbitration Panel for the 35th edition of the America's Cup.

Mr. Mishkin has been named New York Sports Lawyer of the Year three times (2012, 2018, and 2020) by Best Lawyers in America. He was named a Litigator of the Week by the Am Law Litigation Daily in 2013 for his work on behalf of the four major U.S. professional sports leagues and the NCAA in *Murphy v. NCAA*, a constitutional challenge to the federal statute prohibiting sports gambling. He has been listed repeatedly in the top rank for sports law by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He was also named a Global Elite Thought Leader in Sports by Who's Who Legal 2019, as a Sports MVP by



Law360 in 2015, as a leading lawyer in The Legal 500 in 2015 and 2016, and as a Power Player in sports law in 2016 by Sports Business Journal. He was named as one of the Most Highly Regarded Individuals by the International Who's Who of Sports and Entertainment Lawyers 2013 and was included in Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.

Mr. Mishkin is a frequent lecturer at law schools (including at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Stanford, NYU, Cornell, Penn, Brooklyn and many others) on dispute resolution in US and international sports.