

Corby Jones and Bill Odle Bring Sports and Entertainment Law Practice to MRSB

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – KANSAS CITY, Missouri (May 3, 2017) – McDowell Rice Smith & Buchanan, PC, is proud to announce that Corby W. Jones and [William C. Odle](#) have joined the Firm as Shareholders, bringing their sports and enterlaw practice to the Firm. Together, they will continue to practice in all aspects of sports law, white collar defense and government investigations, and litigation.

Mr. Jones represents the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) on matters involving student-athlete eligibility, amateurism, student-athlete health and welfare, and civil rights. Additionally, he serves as counsel to the NCAA on legislative and governance matters and assisted in the development and implementation of amendments to the Division I enforcement program.

Prior to his intercollegiate and amateur sports representation, Mr. Jones served as a National Football League Players Association certified contract advisor, negotiating both endorsement and player contracts with NFL teams and apparel and training companies. Mr. Jones also has substantial experience defending premises liability, general tort liability and personal injury claims, and representing developers and investors in all phases of acquisition, ownership, operation and disposition of real property.

Before earning his law degree, Mr. Jones was an NCAA Division I student-athlete at the University of Missouri, where he was an all-conference selection at quarterback, as well as a National Football Foundation National Scholar Athlete. He played professionally in the NFL and Canadian Football League, and was inducted into the University of Missouri – Columbia Intercollegiate Hall of Fame in 2003. Mr. Jones also worked as a college football analyst for the Fox Sports Networks. He earned his J.D. from the University of Missouri School of Law, and holds a B.A. degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Mr. Odle is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer, focusing on issues relating to amateur and intercollegiate athletics. He has represented sports clients in numerous high-profile cases, including antitrust, defamation, civil rights, intellectual property and business torts. Mr. Odle's clients include colleges and universities, non-profit associations and school districts, and also the NCAA, which he has successfully defended in cases involving student-athlete eligibility, amateurism, drug testing, student-athlete health and welfare, civil rights and antitrust claims.

Mr. Odle also serves as outside counsel to NCAA Presidential Working Groups and assisted in the development and implementation of amendments to the NCAA Division I enforcement program. He regularly counsels clients on association law and governance issues, management of emerging risks in the sports industry, and public policy. Mr. Odle earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and holds a B.A. degree from the University of Kansas.

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