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Video: "Opening Day" Bob Berry Sports Law Lecture Featuring Michael McCann

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Newton, MA--The Sports & Entertainment Law Society sponsored the Second Annual Bob Berry Sports Law “Opening Day” Lecture on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. The Bob Berry Sports Law Lecture is an annual lecture in honor of the late BC Law Professor Bob Berry. This year's speaker was Professor Michael McCann of the University of New Hampshire School of Law. Video of the event is now available.

Michael McCann is a professor from UNH, where he is director of the Sports & Entertainment Law Institute. He is one of the nation's leading experts in sports law, a seasoned sports attorney, and an award-winning teacher and scholar. He is also Sports Illustrated's legal analyst, the "Sports Law" columnist on SI.com (CNNSI), and the on-air legal analyst for NBA TV. Professor McCann is the author of 18 law review articles and more than 160 legal columns and investigative articles for Sports Illustrated and SI.com. One recent and notable article is American Needle v. NFL: An Opportunity to Reshape Sports Law, 119 YALE L.J. 726 (2010).

Along with Jon Hanson, the Alfred Smart Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, Professor McCann is co-founder of The Project on Law and Mind Sciences at Harvard Law School. He is also the Distinguished Visiting Hall of Fame Professor of Law at Mississippi College School of Law. Professor McCann has also taught a sports law and analytics reading group at Yale Law School -- the first such course to be offered at any law school -- and sports law and administrative law courses at Boston College Law School. He was chair of the Association of American Law School's Section on Law and Sports in 2008.

Professor Berry was a well-known expert in sports and entertainment law and a leader in the field. Prof. Berry created the first-ever sports law course in the country during his tenure at BC Law. Prof. Berry was a frequent media commentator on sports law and entertainment and was a consultant on salary arbitration issues with Major League Baseball.
After his passing in 2011, his close friend Bill Gould, Charles A. Beardsley Professor of Law at Stanford and former Chair of the National Labor Relations Board remarked, "I always thought of Bob as the dean of all academic sports lawyers. He developed the first Sports Law course at BC Law in 1972. The world has lost a good, genuine-so genuine-smart guy who was very wise and compassionate. I never had a better or more loyal friend."

The annual Bob Berry Sports Law Lecture in intended to bring leaders in the sports law field to Boston College to address important issues in sports and entertainment law. The lecture is held annually around the occasion of the Red Sox Home Opener.