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Proskauer Mourns the Passing of David Stern

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January 2, 2020 (NEW YORK) – Proskauer is deeply saddened by the passing of our colleague, friend and client David Stern, NBA Commissioner Emeritus.

David joined Proskauer in 1966 and represented the NBA and other clients in a series of landmark cases. He joined the NBA as general counsel in 1978 and became the league's fourth commissioner in 1984. Under David's leadership, the NBA grew exponentially on and off the court to become one of the world's preeminent sports leagues and most influential brands. David stepped down as commissioner in 2014, but he remained active, serving as an adviser to the NBA and other firms, including several sports technology start-ups.

"David Stern's passing is a moment of great sadness for the entire Proskauer family, which enjoyed David's keen intellect, quick wit and personal warmth for more than fifty years as associate, partner and client," stated Proskauer Chairman Joe Leccese, on behalf of the Firm.

"Although David gained global recognition for his extraordinary leadership and innovation in the sports industry, we also knew him as a dedicated philanthropist who nurtured multiple causes, a loyal friend who performed countless acts of kindness, and a mentor to generations of Proskauer lawyers. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Dianne, his sons Andy and Eric, and all of his other friends, family and colleagues. He was an extraordinary figure and will be dearly missed."