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Sean Wildes is a partner in Proskauer's Corporate Department and a leading advisor on the transactions and ventures shaping the sports industry.

Sean advises leagues, teams, ownership groups and private capital investors on mergers and acquisitions, minority investments, strategic joint ventures, financings and league restructurings, as well as complex governance and ownership matters. A member of the firm's Sports Group, he has represented the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, Soccer United Marketing, the ATP Tour and the WTA Tour. His representations also include the Buffalo Bills, the Washington Nationals, Joe Gibbs Racing, Trackhouse Racing, FOX Sports, Sixth Street and Ares. Sean brings a commercial perspective to transactions that require balancing investor objectives, league requirements and long-term growth.

Alongside his work with established sports organizations, Sean has helped shape the legal and commercial foundations of a new generation of professional leagues. He works closely with founders, ownership groups and investors from initial structuring and capitalization through launch, team sales and expansion. His work includes developing league governance and team ownership frameworks, structuring the allocation of commercial rights between leagues and team operators, and advising on team operating agreements, player agreements and league rules.

His emerging-league experience includes TMRW Sports' TGL, League One Volleyball (LOVB), the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), X Games League (XGL), MLS NEXT Pro (MLSNP), the United States Football League (USFL), Varsity Spirit's Pro Cheer League (PCL) and Major League Table Tennis (MLTT), among several others. He also represents the NFL in its partnership with TMRW Sports to develop and launch a professional flag football league for women and men.

Sean's practice also encompasses sponsorship, licensing and naming rights arrangements. Across his representations, he combines sophisticated transactional counsel with a practical understanding of how sports organizations are built, financed and operated.

Practices

Corporate/Transactional, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity Transactions

Industries

Sports, Private Capital

Education

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, J.D.
Johns Hopkins University, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

New York