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BRIAN KAPPEL APPEARS ON SPORTS LAW EXPERT PODCAST

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Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC partner **Brian Kappel** appeared as a guest on the **sixteenth episode of *Sports Law Expert***, a new podcast from Hackney Publications.

On the podcast, Kappel discussed his work guiding student-athletes and institutions through collegiate sports issues and NCAA compliance investigations. He also shared how his experience as an Academic All-American baseball player at Princeton University and Minor League Baseball relief pitcher informs how he advises individuals and university sports stakeholders.

“Brian and Lightfoot’s other sports lawyers have emerged among a handful of attorneys that colleges and universities and their athletic departments turn to for matters related to NCAA rules compliance issues,” said Holt Hackney, the founder and publisher of Hackney Publications, **in a recent news release**. Hackney Publications also recognized Lightfoot in its third-annual “100 Law Firms” list, which honors firms that have established themselves as sports industry leaders.

Sports Law Expert, which drops episodes twice per month, features boots-on-the-ground insights and stories from attorneys and other legal experts involved in the sports industry. Its listeners include not just law firms, but stakeholders in sports leagues, teams, associations and conferences. More than 25,000 professors and students also access the podcast in any given semester through Hackney’s widely-read Sports Litigation Alert, which has been a staple of the sports law industry for more than two decades.

As a member of the firm’s **NCAA Compliance and Investigations practice** team, Kappel advises institutions, coaches, administrators and student-athletes involved in or affected by NCAA investigations. He is a versatile litigator who defends companies in a wide range of disputes, including complex class actions. He regularly handles matters involving antitrust, employment and product liability claims. In addition, Kappel has particular experience in investigating, defending and quickly resolving discriminatory practices claims.