

Alan Goldberger Presentations and Media prior to 2014

- **NORTH JERSEY BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS (IAABO BOARD 33)**

Alan Goldberger presented "Refereeing the NJSIAA Trash Talking Rules and Concussion Mechanics" to more than 900 members of IAABO Board 33 -- the North Jersey Board of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. October 17 in Wayne, New Jersey and October 22 in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

- **CUM-CAPE BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS (IAABO BOARD 196). October 20, 2013 Vineland High School**

Alan Goldberger presented "Refereeing the NJSIAA Trash Talking Rules and Concussion Mechanics" October 20 to the IAABO Cum-Cape Board in Vineland, New Jersey.

- **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, INC. (IAABO) FALL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR. Hauppauge, NY. September, 2013**

Alan Goldberger presented "Game Control, Spectators and Videotape – Law & Order on the Basketball Court" at the Annual Fall Seminar of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. in Hauppauge, New York.

- **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS. SPORTS OFFICIATING SUMMIT. Grand Rapids, MI. July, 2013**

Returning for the 11th consecutive year to the National Association of Sports Officials Summit, Alan Goldberger was a featured speaker at two programs: "I Thought I Was Covered: Assigners, Assignments and Risk" and "Sound Advice: Your Legal Questions Answered."

- **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, INC. (IAABO) ANNUAL MEETING. Myrtle Beach, SC. April 25-28, 2013**

Alan Goldberger presented "IAABO Membership and Game Assignments – Do You Know the Difference?" at the Annual Meeting of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

- **AAHPERD NATIONAL CONVENTION. CHARLOTTE, NC. April 24-25, 2013**

Alan Goldberger presented two programs at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Charlotte, North Carolina. At the NAGWS Legal Quadrivium, he presented "I'd STILL have to be Unconscious: Legal Aspects of Concussion Related Rules and Legislation."

In addition, Alan Goldberger present "Officiating Safely: Managing the Referee's Exposure to Liability."

- **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION BUSINESS LAW SECTION SPRING MEETING. Washington, DC. April 4-6, 2013**

Alan Goldberger, Chair of the Nonprofit Athletic Organizations Subcommittee presented "The Difference between Sports Law and Entertainment Law—And Why It Matters" at the committee's Spring Meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

- **February 2013. ATHLETIC TRAINERS SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY. Florham Park, NJ. February 25, 2013**



Alan Goldberger returned as a speaker at the 27th Annual Conference and Meeting of the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey, where he presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious: Scope of Practice, Concussion and Legal Issues for Athletic Trainers 2013."

- **January 2013. US LACROSSE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 12, 2013**

Alan Goldberger returned for the fifth consecutive year to speak at the US Lacrosse Mens Officials Council at the US Lacrosse National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This year's program included: "10 & 5 ~ 10 Ways to Increase Your Association's Exposure to Liability; and 5 Quick Tips to Stay Out of Legal Trouble on the Field." The US Lacrosse National Convention provides the sport's largest educational opportunity, with over 5,000 coaches, officials, administrators and vendors in attendance each year.



- **November 2012. NORTH JERSEY BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS (IAABO BOARD 33).**

Alan Goldberger presented "I'd STILL Have to Be Unconscious ~ Officiating the New Concussion Rules" to more than 800 members of the IAABO Board 33 ~ the North Jersey Board of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc.

- **September 2012. International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc (IAABO) Fall Seminar. Toronto, Ontario.**

Alan Goldberger presented "Spectators, Lies, and Video Tape: Managing Risk With Mechanics and Communication" and "I'd STILL Have to be Unconscious: State and Provincial Law and Concussion" for IAABO Interpreters at the Annual Fall Interpreters' Conference of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Toronto, Ontario. Alan is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.

- **August 2012. AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING. Chicago, Illinois.**

ALAN GOLDBERGER was a featured speaker at "Concussion Risk in Amateur Sports: Legal Risks and Options for Nonprofit Athletic and Recreational Organizations." Sponsored by the Associations Nonprofit Athletic and Recreation Organizations Subcommittee, this continuing legal educational program explored the specter of concussions for nonprofit recreational athletic organizations from the regulatory, organizational and personal prospective, including a discussion of the applicable statutory law, playing rules and other regulations for referees, coaches, administrators and participants; as well as organizational, board of directors and parent volunteer, risks and responsibilities.

- **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION –JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT "ASK AN EXPERT" DAY.**

Alan Goldberger participated in Junior Achievement of Chicago's "Ask an Expert Day" -- co-sponsored with the American Bar Association's Business Law Section's Young Lawyer Committee and the Pro Bono and Public Service Subcommittee. Alan joined a volunteer team of attorneys who met with students from local high schools to discuss their careers and education. The program was intended to assist students in understanding the relationship between obtaining an education and the working world.

- **July 2012. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS SUMMIT. Portland, Oregon.**

Returning for the tenth consecutive year to the National Association of Sports Officials Summit, Alan Goldberger presented "The Seven Things You Need to Know About Game Contracts" during the 2012 Summit last month in Portland, Oregon.

- **June 2012. RUTGERS – THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

Alan Goldberger returned to Rutgers as a Visiting Part-Time Lecturer, teaching "Sport & the Law" and "Risk Management in Sport Administration" for Sport Studies majors.

- **ALAN GOLDBERGER'S commentary** was featured in "Adult Education: One Upset Father's Banishment from School Property Serves as a Reminder About the Importance of Protecting Against Unruly Fans," by Mike Popke. The story appeared in the April 2012 issue of Athletic Business Magazine.

- **APRIL 21, 2012 . IAABO ANNUAL MEETING. Marriot Hotel Tysons Corner, Vienna, Virginia.**

Alan Goldberger presented: "Is Your Constitution in Order?" -- a legal issues program for IAABO Local Board officers and members at the Annual Spring Meeting of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Vienna, Virginia. Founded in 1923, IAABO is the only organization of its kind in the world: a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees. Alan Goldberger is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.



- **US LACROSSE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January , 2012.**

Alan Goldberger presented two programs to the US Lacrosse Mens Officials Council at the US Lacrosse National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the January 14 program, "Officiating Safely: Managing Your Exposure to Liability," officials learned how to manage risk and avoid liability by their actions before, during, and after the game. On Sunday, January 15, Alan I presented "Protecting Your Local Association – For Officers and Board Members." This program, by invitation only is an introduction to the legal and business environment of administering lacrosse officiating programs.

- **National Association of Sports Officials Medallion Award.**

Alan Goldberger was the recipient of the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) as its 2011 Mel Narol Medallion Award. The Award was presented on Aug. 2, 2011 during the Celebrate Officiating Gala at the annual NASO Sports Officiating Summit. Alan Goldberger is the 10th recipient of the Medallion. The award recognizes an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the betterment of NASO. Contributions might include, but are not limited to, organizational leadership, education and training and promotion of officiating.

"Al Goldberger is special," NASO President Barry Mano said. "He has merged his passion for officiating with his expertise in the law. That merger uniquely positions him to provide the officiating community advice and assistance in an area that has become increasingly important to us."

"I can say without equivocation that over the past 20 years, Al has given back to officiating as much or more than anyone," Mano declared. "He is the leading legal advocate for all officials. He has worked tirelessly in support of NASO and its members. He richly deserves the Mel Narol Medallion Award." Previous recipients have been Jerry Seeman, retired NFL Senior Director of Officiating; Fox 40 International, makers of the Fox 40 whistle; Dick Honig, owner of Honig's Whistle Stop; Marcy Weston, retired national coordinator of NCAA women's basketball officiating; Bill Kolbe, retired attorney, business and legal advisor for NASO; Ed T. Rush, retired NBA referee and supervisor of officials; Ronnie Carter, retired executive director for the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association; and David Dodge, retired NCAA Division I basketball official.



- **Alan Goldberger Featured in NJ BIZ**

The weekly newspaper NJ BIZ featured an article about Alan Goldberger titled "**A whistleblower for lawyers ... Attorney's years as a referee gave him playbook for sports law.**" You can read about it at **Christine Mazza's Blog** (53KB .doc) and also view/download the **full article as a pdf** (3MB).

- **SEPTEMBER, 2011. International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc (IAABO) Annual Fall Seminar.**

Alan Goldberger presented "Legal Points of Emphasis" including "I'd Still Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules," "Managing the Fight," and "What Do You Want for \$82? - Pre and Post-Game Responsibilities" at the Annual Fall Interpreters' Conference of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Manchester, New Hampshire. Founded in 1923, IAABO is the only organization of its kind in the world: a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees. Alan Goldberger is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.

- **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS SUMMIT. Atlanta, Georgia.**

ALAN GOLDBERGER returned for the ninth consecutive year as a featured speaker at the Annual Sports Officiating Summit, held this year in Atlanta, Georgia presented by the National Association of Sports Officials in cooperation with the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Georgia High School Athletic Association.

From the Summit Brochure.....

Current Legal Issues: Your Questions Answered

If you've got a legal question related to officiating or a question on risk management, we've got answers! Don't miss this open forum presentation of the NASO Member Information and Consultation Program (MICP). Alan Goldberger, the New Jersey lawyer/sports official who wrote the book, *Sports Officiating: A Legal Guide*, walks you through the late breaking legal issues related to officiating. Lowell Gratigny, American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services senior vice president of litigation management, and Don Collins, a lawyer and executive director of the San Francisco section of the California Interscholastic Federation, are also on hand to answer your questions.

CYA (Cover Your Association)

Special breakfast seminar exclusively for local associations leaders. Today's business and legal environment require local associations to be operated on sound organizational principles. To do otherwise is to put your association and its leadership in harm's way. The country's preeminent expert on sports officials and the law, attorney Alan Goldberger, will arm you with facts and guidance. Drew Smith, American Specialty Insurance Services vice-president, will provide you with everyone your association needs to understand concerning insurance and liabilities. They will arm you with facts, solutions and essential guidelines. A unique seminar opportunity for local association leaders.

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- **December 2011, Alan Goldberger returned for his third A.M. Best Co. Insurance Law Podcast.** In this episode, Alan discusses Athletic Codes of Conduct, and their importance to insurers. He begins with the historical precedents of today's athletic codes including the 1963 Massachusetts's statute that prohibited profanity or slander aimed at participants of the game or officials. Moving to more recent legislative action, Alan describes a variety of statutes which have been enacted over the last ten years that address specific codes of athletic conduct with an aim towards creating safeguards — including removing participants or spectators from a venue, bans on specific individuals returning to a venue until certain conditions have been met, or even requirements that spectators sign an agreement to adhere to athletic codes of conduct prior to attending an event.

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- **October 2011. Alan Goldberger presented "I'd STILL Have to be Unconscious – Officiating the New Concussion Rules"** at the Interpretation Meetings of the North Jersey Board of Approved Basketball Officials No. 33; and the Cum-Cape District Board No. 196.
- **October 2011. Alan Goldberger presented "Officiating Safely the IAABO Way – Managing Your Exposure to Liability"** at the New York City IAABO Boards Rules & Mechanics Seminar For NYC Metropolitan Basketball Officials, in Brooklyn, New York.
- **October 2011. Alan Goldberger presented "The Concussion Rules: Legal and Liability Concerns"** to the Claims Department at Markel Insurance Company, Glen Allen, Virginia.
- **IAABO ANNUAL MEETING. Virginia Beach, Virginia**
On April 16, 2011 Alan Goldberger presented: "Defending Your Officials" -- a legal issues program for IAABO Local Board officers and members at the Annual Spring Meeting of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Founded in 1923, IAABO is the only organization of its kind in the world: a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees. Alan Goldberger is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.
- **US LACROSSE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Baltimore, Maryland**
On January 21, 2011, Alan Goldberger presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules" at the US Lacrosse National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. US Lacrosse is the national governing body of lacrosse. US Lacrosse has more than 300,000 members in 63 regional chapters around the country. Through responsive and effective leadership, US Lacrosse strives to provide programs and services to inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the game. 
- **AAHPERD NATIONAL CONVENTION. SAN DIEGO, CA.**
On March 30, 2011 Alan Goldberger was a panelist in Legal Quadrivium XXI at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in San Diego, California. The NAGWS Legal Quadrivium features presentations on diverse topics relating to the law of sport, recreation and/or physical activity. Each topic will be geared toward assisting practitioners to use the law as a management tool, with current and timely information provided by experts in the field. Following the presentations will be an open question and answer session in which all panelists participate.
- **On December 16, 2010, A.M. Best Co. released an Insurance Law Podcast featuring Alan Goldberger** discussing the impact of sports law on the insurance industry. Alan discusses the impact of sports-related concussions on the insurance industry; including the legal and insurance responsibilities related to risk management of sports-related injuries. Topics include the need for proper identification of concussive injuries, implementation of appropriate return-to-play protocols and the legal liability for injuries that may have been prevented by the application of reasonable care. The availability of alternative third-party coverage scenarios for student players is also discussed.

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- **December, 2010. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS (PAVO) NATIONAL CONVENTION/KANSAS CITY, MO.**

ALAN GOLDBERGER presented two programs at the National Convention of the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials: "Officiating Safely the PAVO Way: Managing Your Exposure to Liability" at the General Session; and, at a special session for PAVO local board chairs, "Protecting Your Association -- Legal Issues for PAVO Boards -- and their Officers." The Professional Association of Volleyball Officials establishes policies for all levels of certification, creates written and on-court examination procedures, disseminates information regarding rules, officiating techniques, and officiating opportunities, advocates for officials within the volleyball community, and provides training and certification opportunities on a national level. ALAN GOLDBERGER is special counsel to PAVO.



- **30 Who Made a Difference.** In the November issue of Referee Magazine, ALAN GOLDBERGER was recognized as one of "30 Who Made a Difference" in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO). From the article..."NASO is the world's largest organization for officials at every level and all sports, and the leading source of officiating education, programs and services, in part because of the impact the 30 have made." To read the article, published in "It's Official," click [\[HERE\]](#).

- **October 2010. CARDINAL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION. LEESBURG, VA.**

Alan Goldberger presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules" at the Fall Interpretation Meeting of the Cardinal Basketball Officials Association in Leesburg, Virginia. CBOA is a member of the Virginia High School League (VHSL), and is also Board #255 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO).

- **October 2010 CALIFORNIA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (CBOA) Executive Council.**

Alan Goldberger presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules" to the Executive Council of the California Basketball Officials Association. CBOA is California's statewide basketball officials association, served by over 3000 men and women officiating all basketball levels from Youth to Semi-Pro.



- **October 2010. NORTH JERSEY BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS (IAABO BOARD 33).**

Alan Goldberger presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules" to more than 700 members of the IAABO Board 33 -- the North Jersey Board of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. Board 33 of one of the largest IAABO Boards in the country.

- **SEPTEMBER 2010 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, INC (IAABO) FALL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR.**

Alan Goldberger presented "I'd Have to Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules" for IAABO Interpreters at the Annual Fall Interpreters' Conference of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Portland, Maine.



- **JULY, 2010 ... NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS SUMMIT.** Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- ALAN GOLDBERGER was a featured speaker at three programs at the Annual Sports Officiating Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitled "Rights, Requirements, Risks -- The Shared Responsibility of Officiating," and presented by the National Association of Sports Officials in cooperation with the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Minnesota State High School League. In attendance were leaders of state high school officiating programs, local association officers, supervisors and coordinators, assigners, conference administrators and sports officials at all levels.



Referee Publications' Angie Weaver greets Alan Goldberger at the Exhibits

- **From the Summit Brochure.....**
- **Current Legal Issues: Your Questions**

Answered

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- **Protect Your Local Association and You**

Today's business and legal environment requires local associations to be operated on sound organizational principles. To do otherwise is to put your association and its leadership in harm's way. The country's preeminent expert on sports officials and the law, attorney Alan Goldberger, is the featured speaker. He will arm you with facts, solutions and essential guidelines. A unique seminar opportunity for local association leaders.

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- **"I'd Have To Be Unconscious -- Officiating the New Concussion Rules."** Are you ready with up-to-date mechanics for enforcing the new "concussion rules"? All associations need to be sure their officials practice good risk management skills in this area.
- Click [\[HERE\]](#) for the complete **NASO Summit Program** as a PDF.
- **"SPORTS OFFICIATING: A LEGAL GUIDE 2nd Edition" by ALAN GOLDBERGER** was featured in "7 Indispensable Books for Officials" in the August 2010 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO)
- **JULY 2010. "BEYOND THE GAME" WHITE PLAINS CHANNEL 76**
Alan Goldberger returned to White Plains, New York, Channel 76's program, "Beyond the Game" with host John Vorperian to discuss the latest legal issues in sports officiating.
- **APRIL, 2010 ... IAABO ANNUAL MEETING. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.**
Alan Goldberger presented: "I'd Have to Be Unconscious" -- a legal issues program for IAABO Local Board officers and members at the Annual Spring Meeting of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Founded in 1923, IAABO is the only organization of its kind in the world: a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees. Alan Goldberger is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.
- **MARCH, 2010 AAHPERD NATIONAL CONVENTION. Indianapolis, IN.**
On March 17, 2010 Alan Goldberger served as Presider and a panelist, along with Linda Jean Carpenter and Neil Dougherty, in Legal Quadrivium XX at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Indianapolis, Indiana. The NAGWS Legal Quadrivium features presentations on diverse topics relating to the law of sport, recreation and/or physical activity. Each topic will be geared toward assisting practitioners to use the law as a management tool, with current and timely information provided by experts in the field. Following the presentations were a question and answer session in which all panelists participated.
- **MARCH, 2010 Alan Goldberger presented "Officiating Safely: Risk Management and Liability for Referees & Umpires"** at the AAHPERD National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. This session brings referees and umpires up to speed with the best practices in officiating. It is designed to manage their exposure to liability and help all officials assert their legal rights. Officials will also learn to use the rules to control dangerous play, as well as how to deal with fights, injuries, and equipment concerns while maintaining impartiality and control.
- **On January 15, 2010 Alan Goldberger presented "Legal Issues in Lacrosse Officiating"** at the US Lacrosse National Convention Men's Officials Council. This program was part of the Champion Speaker Series featured at the US Lacrosse National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland
- **On October 20, 2009, Alan Goldberger presented "Officiating Safely - the IAABO Way"** to the Camden District Board of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. in Lindenwold, New Jersey.
- **On October 6, 2009, Alan Goldberger Presented: "Officiating Safely: Managing Your Exposure to Liability Before, During, and After the Game"** to the Bergen County Soccer Officials Association in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.
- **On September 12, 2009 Alan Goldberger presented "The IAABO Interpreter's Legal Inventory"** at the Annual Fall Interpreters' Conference of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Cleveland, Ohio. Alan is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.

- **On August 15, 2009 A.M. Best Co. has released an Insurance Law Podcast**, featuring Alan Goldberger discussing the impact of sports law on the insurance industry. The Podcast series examines timely insurance issues from an attorney's point of view. A number of sports law cases were reviewed, including a recently decided case involving a football coach permanently disabled after colliding with a referee. In that case, Alan Goldberger represented the National Association of Sports Officials who appeared as Amicus Curiae.
- **On July 27, 2009 Alan Goldberger presented "Officiating to a Legal Standard"** at the 26th Annual Sports Officiating Summit of the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) at the Marriott Star Pass Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Following that short presentation Alan presided at the popular program, "Hot Topics: Current Legal Issues" featuring Lowell T. Gratigny, Senior Vice President, Litigation, of American Specialty Insurance Services and Donald C. Collins, Commissioner of Athletics for the California Interscholastic Federation, San Francisco Section. The Summit was held in cooperation with the National Federation of State High School Associations. In attendance were leaders of state high school officiating programs, local association officers, supervisors and coordinators, assigners, conference administrators and sports officials at all levels.
- **On April 10, 2009 Alan Goldberger filed a Brief of Amicus Curiae** with the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio, Texas on behalf of the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO). NASO's brief was submitted in support of five football officials who were sued as a result of a collision between a wing official and an assistant coach during a high school football game in Texas. The Court ultimately affirmed the decision of the trial court dismissing all claims against the officials. To read the complete story and the brief, click [\[here\]](#).
- **On April 25, 2009 Alan Goldberger presented "Legal Points of Emphasis"** at the Annual Meeting of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), in Orlando, Florida. Alan is Parliamentarian and legal counsel to the Association.
- **On April 1, 2009 Alan Goldberger presented "Water: A Legal Parable"** at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Tampa, Florida. The presentation was part of "Legal Quadrivium XVIII," sponsored by the Legal Issues Committee of the National Association for Girls & Women in Sports. Alan is Chair of the Legal Issues Committee
- **Alan Goldberger is the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of The American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR) Risk Management Council.** The award recognizes individuals and organizations outside the safety education profession making an outstanding and significant contribution to safety education. The award was presented at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Tampa, Florida.
- **On March 7, 2009 Alan Goldberger was a guest on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends"** to discuss new legislation proposed in the State of Rhode Island concerning a government council to oversee youth sports in the state.
- **On January 17, 2009 Alan Goldberger was the keynote speaker at the 2009 US Lacrosse National Convention Men's Officials Council Program in Baltimore, Maryland.** Later that day, Alan addressed the US Lacrosse Women's Officials Council on "Officiating Safely: Legal Issues in Lacrosse Umpiring."
- **"SPORTS OFFICIATING: A LEGAL GUIDE 2ND EDITION" IS NOW AVAILABLE!** Referee Books announces the publication of the all-new authoritative guide for referees and umpires, "Sports Officiating: a Legal Guide 2nd Edition," by Alan Goldberger. Contemporary officiating practice must be guided by the legal realities officials are confronted with when they take to the floor, field, diamond or pitch. This book is the definitive exposition of these new realities. Legal rights and responsibilities of game officials and officiating associations are featured. The "Guide" includes specific coverage of 10 sports: baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, volleyball and wrestling. For more information, click [\[here\]](#)
- **"SPORTS OFFICIATING: A LEGAL GUIDE 2nd Edition"** was the topic of "Publisher's Memo" by Barry Mano in the May 2008 issue of Referee Magazine. To read "Publisher's Memo" click [\[here\]](#).
- **January, 2009. Congratulations to former Goldberger & Goldberger associate CHRISTINE KORMANIK, ESQUIRE.** Christine is a contributing author of West Group's comprehensive legal treatise, California Business Law Deskbook, 2008-2009 ed. Christine is currently Senior Counsel to the Orange County Office of Allen, Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP.



- **On December 20, 2008** Alan Goldberger discussed "SPORTS OFFICIATING: A LEGAL GUIDE 2nd Edition" and the legal climate of officiating with Pennsylvania State Senator and Attorney Bob Rovner on Bob's radio program "Bob Rovner Talks to the Stars" on WWDB Radio, in Philadelphia.
- **On November 13, 2008** Alan Goldberger conducted a Liability Workshop for the Coaching and Physical Education staffs at the North Brunswick Township Public Schools in New Jersey, entitled "Risk Management and Liability for Coaches and Physical Education Teachers."
- **On November 8, 2008**, ALAN GOLDBERGER was a featured speaker at the IAABO Phil Fox Memorial Clinic in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. "Officiating Safely the IAABO Way: A 5-Point Plan" was sponsored by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials Charitable & Educational Foundation, Inc. The program included IAABO President Felix Addeo and IAABO Executive Director Tom Lopes.
- **On September 12, 2008** ALAN GOLDBERGER presented "Legal Issues for IAABO Interpreters 2009" at the Annual Fall Seminar of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO), at the Annual Fall Seminar in Eatontown, NJ. Founded in 1923, IAABO is a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees.
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- Alan Goldberger recently appeared on "**The Adam Taxin Show**" on Philadelphia's WNWR, to discuss sports officiating and the law.
- Alan Goldberger recently appeared on White Plains, New York, Channel 76's program, "**Beyond the Game**" with John Vorperian to discuss sports officiating and the law.
- Alan Goldberger has been **elected to the Board of Directors of the Respect for Law Alliance, Inc. (RFLA)**. The RFLA was established to cultivate respect for law, to inform Americans concerning the Federal and State judicial systems as one of the three branches of constitutional state and federal government, and to inform the public of the roles of judges, jurors, lawyers and law enforcement personnel in America's justice systems. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors, Alan has been appointed Chair of the newly established RFLA Sports Law Committee. He also has been named to serve on the RFLA Committee for a Strong and Independent Judiciary chaired by New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph S. Levine.
- **ALAN GOLDBERGER** is the 2007 recipient of the Honor Award of The American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR) for meritorious service in safety with outstanding or innovative contributions to the field of safety at national, regional, or state levels through research, education, and programming. The award was presented at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Baltimore, Maryland.

Archived from: **ARTICLES BY ALAN GOLDBERGER**

- **"The Party's Over, But Not for You"** by ALAN GOLDBERGER appeared in the September 2011 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Disqualifying a Player is Final ... in Most Cases"** by ALAN GOLDBERGER appeared in the July 2011 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"IS THE Onus Really on the Schools?"** by ALAN GOLDBERGER appeared in the February 2011 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"How to Deal with Criminal Conduct"** by ALAN GOLDBERGER appeared in the April 2011 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Some Prep All-Star Assignments Include Risk"** appeared in the December, 2010 issue of Referee Magazine.

- **"Follow Procedures When Concussions Occur"** appeared in the August, 2010 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Legal Landmines - Conversations with Spectators"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Spring 2010 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"A Lawsuit on Every Sideline?"** by Alan Goldberger appeared in the Winter 2009 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Managing Your Exposure to Liability by Controlling Your Game from Start to Finish"** appeared in the Fall 2009 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Officials Organizations: Nonprofit or Not?"** appeared in the June 2009, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"In Defense of Sports: The Difference between 'Sports Law' and 'Entertainment Law' - And Why It Matters"** by Alan Goldberger appeared in the October 28, 2009 issue of "The Voice" newsletter of the Defense Research Institute (DRI).
- **"Liability Issues for High School Officials - Before the Game"** appeared in the Summer 2009 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Liability Triggers for High School Officials"** appeared in the Spring 2009 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"10 Steps to Protecting Yourself if You're Sued"** appeared in the April 2009, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Legal Implications of Using Video to Train"** appeared in the December, 2008 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Your Best Friend"** appeared in the Winter 2008 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Advantages of Belonging to An Officials' Association"** appeared in the Summer 2008 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Preventive Officiating and the Two-Edge Sword of Warnings"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Summer 2008 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Court Presence: 11 Cases That Matter"** appeared in the April 2008 issue of Referee Magazine. Also featured in the April issue of the magazine was "Incorporation Can Prevent Litigation."
- Alan Goldberger's article **"Keep Your Distance From Spectators,"** originally published in Referee Magazine, was reprinted in the April 2008 issue of "The Squash Official," newsletter of Squash Canada for its Officiating Program.
- **"They Don't Call That in the Pros"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Spring 2008 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Statement to Attorney Can Be Used Against You"** appeared in the February 2008 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Risky Business: The 7 Hot Spots of Liability,"** which originally appeared in the June 2007 issue of Referee Magazine, has been reprinted in the October 30, 2007 issue of "Stripes," the official newsletter of the Men's Division Officials Council of U.S. Lacrosse.
- **"Who's In Charge of Your Gym?"** appeared in the December 2007 issue of "Sportorials," published by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO). Alan Goldberger is legal counsel and parliamentarian of IAABO.
- **"New Season: New Legal Challenges"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Winter 2007 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Playing it Safe with Safety Rules"** appeared in the December 2007, issue of "ON BOARD," the newsletter of the National Association of Sports Officials Organizations Network.
- **"Is Your Association a Legal Liability?"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Fall 2007 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Lacrosse Presents Challenges for Officials"** appeared in the October 2007 issue of Referee Magazine.

- **"Fighting and Liability"** was the topic of Alan Goldberger's Legal Issues column in the Summer, 2007 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Officiating Mechanics: The First Step in Managing Liability"** appeared in USA Football's booklet, "Officiating Youth Football: 2006-2007"
- **"Risky Business: The 7 HotSpots of Liability"** appeared in the June 2007 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Be Careful What You Ask For"** appeared in the May 2007 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Keep Your Distance from Spectators"** appeared in the January 2007 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Defense of Sports Personal Injury Claims -Part II: State and Federal Statutory Immunity Defenses for Sports Program Volunteers"** appeared in the September 2006 issue of "The Business Suit," a monthly newsletter published by the Commercial Litigation Committee of the Defense Research Institute. Alan Goldberger is Chair of the Committee's Sports Law Special Litigation Group.
- **"A Legal View: Stop the Fight"** appeared in the September 2006, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Officiating Organizations: What Does It Mean to Be a Member?"** appeared in the June, 2006, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Above Suspicion: The Media Awaits"** appeared in the May 2006 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"You Can Be Sued for Slander"** appeared in the April 2006 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"On a Clear Sideline, You Can See Forever"** appeared in the March 2006 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Independent Contractor or Employee?"** appeared in the February 2006 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Dealing with Death Threats"** appeared in the January 2006, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"A Contract to Protect?"** appeared in the January 2006 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Defense of Sports Law Bodily Injury Claims: Violence and Entity Defenses"** appeared in the January 2006 issue of "The Business Suit," a monthly newsletter published by the Commercial Litigation Committee of the Defense Research Institute. Alan Goldberger is Chair of the Committee's Sports Law Special Litigation Group.
- **"When Lightning Strikes..."** appeared in the November, 2005 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"A Letter from a Lawyer"** appeared in the November 2005, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Sunglasses Pose a Shady Problem"** appeared in the October 2005, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"All We Need is Some Information from You"** appeared in the September 2005, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Watch the Sky ... and Your Backs"** appeared in the September 2005 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Umpire's Car Vandalized During Game - Your Legal Rights and Responsibility"** appeared in the June 2005, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Is a Sports Officials Assault Law Enough?"** appeared in the May 2005 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"P.A. Announcer Crosses the Line - Your Legal Rights and Responsibility"** appeared in the May 2005, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Manage Liability with Proper Mechanics"** appeared in the April 2005 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"The Case of the 'Quid Pro No!'"** appeared in the April 2005 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Get Your Legal Facts Straight"** appeared in the February 2005 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities: Six-Year-Old Lawsuit"** appeared in the February 2005 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).

- **"I Wouldn't Say That If I Were You"** appeared in the December 2004 issue of Referee Magazine
- **"Crew Member's Mouth Could Get Everyone in Trouble"** appeared in the November 2004 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"All I Want to Do is Referee"** appeared in the November 2004 issue of NASO ON-BOARD - the official newsletter of the National Association of Sports Officials.
- **"It's Only a Rec League Game"** appeared in the October-November 2004 issue of "Sportorials", published by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc.(IAABO). Alan Goldberger is legal counsel and parliamentarian of IAABO.
- **"Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities: Defamation in Local Paper"** appeared in the October 2004 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Officiating Questions-&-Answers,"** a column containing answers to referees' commonly asked legal questions appears regularly in NASO's newsletter, "It's Official."
- **"Disqualification Procedures"** appeared as a feature article in the Fall, 2004 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **"Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities -- Was I Assaulted?"** appeared in the September 2004, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities -- Background Checks"** appeared in the August 2004, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Officiating the Game...and the Bleachers"** appeared in the August 2004 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Association or Conference: Whom Do You Work For?"** appeared in the July 2004, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"A Guide to Defending Your Officials"** appeared in the April 2004 issue of Referee Magazine. Also featured in the April issue was "Rolling with the Punches - A Conversation with Alan Goldberger." This feature discusses the role of the official in dealing with fighting.
- **"A Taxing Situation: Employee or Independent Contractor?"** appeared in the April 2004, issue of "It's Official," a newsletter published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Safety Rules are There for a Reason"** appeared in the March 2004 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Officiating Safely-The IAABO Way"** appeared in the February 2004 issue of Sportorials, the official publication of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO). Alan Goldberger is legal counsel and Parliamentarian for IAABO.
- **"Manage to Avoid the Risks"** appeared in the February 2004 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Nine Ways to Decrease Your Association's Exposure to Liability"** appeared in the January 2004 issue of "It's Official," a newsletter of published by the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).
- **"Treat Safety as Priority One"** appeared in the December 2003 issue of Referee Magazine.
- **"Update: Legal Liability and Risk Management for High School Football Officials"** appeared as a feature article in the Fall, 2003 issue of the NFHS Officials Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.