

The following comments were received from individuals at the University of Missouri and Stanford University:

1. (Missouri)

Just finished my review. I was looking for specific things we have had to address and have changed with the Missouri statute. I'm not sure if you would like me to reply directly or if you would prefer to reply. I do think we might want to have Bob Bailey review the information inasmuch as he has worked closely with this law since its inception. In any case I've drafted a brief response below:

Attention: ULC Drafting Committee

The University of Missouri is supportive of including our name on the Recommendation for the Redrafting of the UAAA memo. We have had individuals experienced with the State of Missouri Uniform Athlete Agents Act, Section 436.215-436.272, RSMo, review the recommendations. Overall we commend the drafting committee for identifying concerns and potential solutions.

Also, we would like to reemphasize the importance of the appropriate definition of student-athlete included in Section V.4. This issue was amended in the Missouri law to strengthen our ability to prosecute offenders.

Finally, we would recommend to include verbiage requiring notification to the respective players association when an agent is being charged with violations. We have found that the players association will take additional action, including but not limited to, revoking the agents registration with their sport association.

Thank you so much for your efforts on this important matter. Please feel free to contact us for additional assistance as needed.

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2. (Stanford)

Note: The document has been slightly modified since receiving the feedback from Stanford University, below, so that it now reads (in part): “For these reasons, we believe it is essential that future legislation broaden the applicability of the UAAA to a functionally-defined class of “professional representatives” in this area...”

I think the highlighted language in (b) could make a faculty advisor subject to the UAAA who advises a student-athlete in connection with a start up company related to some technology developed by the student-athlete unrelated to athletics, or who advises on career opportunities outside of sports. The highlighted language in (c) could make people such as (A) the family CPA firm that assists with filing a tax return reporting summer income or a advises on trust fund investments, or (B) a college student who assists other students with a bill paying service subject to the UAAA. I do not believe this is the intent, but as drafted it may be broad enough to reach these and other similar people.

For these reasons, we believe it is essential that future legislation broaden the applicability of the UAAA to a functionally-defined class of “professional representatives” that includes:

- (i) any individual in the business of or attempting to engage in the business of:
 - (a) representing, in any professional capacity (including, but not limited to, representation as an athlete agent), any athlete for purposes related to their participation in athletics;
 - (b) serving in an advisory capacity for any athlete on **matters related to finances, business pursuits or ventures, or career management or decisions;**
 - (c) managing the business or affairs of any athlete (including, but not limited to, **providing assistance with bills, payments, contracts, or taxes**); or
 - (d) marketing, publicizing, or promoting any athlete through any means or medium (including, but not limited to, securing or attempting to secure public appearances, securing or attempting to secure endorsements or marketing agreements; and providing assistance with brand development).

It is our hope that the Committee will use its expertise to tailor the applicability of the proposed legislation appropriately.