

## Sports - NCAA Compliance

College athletics and the rules guiding those programs have grown increasingly complex, and institutions, coaches, and players involved in NCAA enforcement investigations or eligibility issues now have an even greater need for informed and dynamic representation at every step of the process.

FormanWatkins attorneys are well-versed in NCAA bylaws, NCAA Enforcement procedures, Committee on Infractions procedures, and Infractions Appeals procedures. That knowledge helps us work with institutions or coaches to develop strategies for strong compliance practices to prevent violations or preempt investigations.

For institutions or coaches working in the complex regulatory environment of the NCAA, however, compliance efforts with the best intentions and highest attention to detail cannot foreclose investigations or violations. When enforcement investigations do occur, FormanWatkins has experience in the entire infractions process:

- Gathering facts and developing information during the initial investigation;
- Communicating with institutions, the NCAA enforcement staff, and conference officials;
- Advocating for clients prior to formal allegations by the NCAA staff;
- Responding to allegations; and
- Presenting our case to the Committee on Infractions.

FormanWatkins has represented numerous coaches and staff members during NCAA infractions investigations, including development of issues singularly directed to a head coach's responsibilities under NCAA bylaws. Our team of experienced litigators also benefits from ongoing partnerships with former members of the NCAA Committee on Infractions. When you hire us, we provide experience, knowledge, creativity, and personal care to address any issue that may arise in college athletics.