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Education

Juris Doctor, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota

Master of Arts, American Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Major Fields: American Constitutional Law and History, Sports Law and History

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities, Summa Cum Laude, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Academic or Professional Positions

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

Opus College of Business

Ethics and Business Law

Professor Emeritus, 2017 – Present

Professor, 2014 – 2017

Associate Professor, 2008 - 2014

Assistant Professor, 2002 – 2008

Adjunct Professor, 1983 – 2002

MBA Sports and Entertainment Management Concentration Director
1989 – 2004

Adjunct Professor 1988 – 2002

Adjunct Lecturer 1987 – 1988

Adjunct Instructor 1983 – 1986

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota

Adjunct Professor of Law, 1993 – 2002

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Adjunct Professor, 1984 – 2002

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Century (Lakewood) College, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Adjunct Professor, 1983 – 1984

Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota
Adjunct Professor, 1984 - 1990

University of Wisconsin, Graduate School of Business, Madison, Wisconsin
Lecturer, 1981 – 1982

De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Adjunct Faculty/Coach, 1970 – 1979

Courses Taught and Developed:

Sports Law
Sports and Entertainment Law
Legal Environment of Business
Law and Athletic Endeavors
Sports, The Executive Perspective
Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Honors

Governor's Certificate of Commendation for Service to the State of Minnesota

Sport Scholar, Nordic Sports Science Forum, Malmö University, Sweden

Legal Leaders – Minnesota's Top-Rated Attorneys in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution and in the field of Entertainment Law

Board Member, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, Alumni of Notable Achievement Award

University of Minnesota Aquatics Hall of Fame

University of St. Thomas Exemplar Award

University of St. Thomas Professor of the Year Award Finalist

Olympic Studies International Directory of the Centre d'Estudis Olímpics (Center for Olympic Studies)

AV Preeminent Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbe. The highest peer rating standard. This is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards by their peers.

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ADR Experience and Qualifications

Appointed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland

Arbitrator, JAMS, Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit, Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rule Violations Panel

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, Panel of Arbitrators, Sports and Entertainment

Arbitrator, Anti-Doping Panel, Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA)

Arbitrator, International Centre for Dispute Resolution

Arbitrator, Special Anti-Doping Panel, World Triathlon Corporation (WTC)

Arbitrator, Hennepin County Court Services, Minnesota

Emergency Referee, Family Court, Fourth Judicial District, Minnesota

Mediator, University of St. Thomas

Relevant Journals/Law Reviews

Wendt, J.T. (2026) “The Olympic Games in Milano-Cortina, A New Kind of Winter Games,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, (in press).

Wendt, J.T. (2025) “Paris 2024: The Games the World Needed,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 41(1).

Wendt, J.T. (2024) “Beijing 2022: The Games of Muted Joy,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 40(1).

Bergeron, M., Mountjoy, M., and Wendt, J.T., (2022) “Youth athletes’ quests for gold: does opportunity supersede undue risk?” *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 56(19).

Wendt, J.T. (2022) “Tokyo 2020 - The Games of Hope, Solidarity and Peace,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 38(1).

Wendt, J.T. (2020) “Third Time’s The Charm? The Horseracing Integrity Act of 2019,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 36(1).

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Wendt, J.T. (2018) “The PyeongChang Olympics – The Peace Games?” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 34(3).

Wendt, J.T. (2017) “Flying Down to Rio – The 2016 Summer Olympic Games,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 33(3).

Young, P.C. and Wendt, J.T. (2017) “Governance in Sports Governing Bodies: A Risk Management Perspective,” *International Sports Law Review Pandektis*, 12(1/2).

Wendt, J.T. (2016) “Looking Back at Sochi: Lessons from Putin’s Games,” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 32(3).

Wendt, J.T. (2015) “Horse Racing in the United States: A Call for a Harmonized Approach to Anti-Doping Regulation,” *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport*, 25(2).

Wendt, J.T. & Miller, J.J. (2015) “Ref, Is This the Final?” Concussion Issues at the 2014 FIFA Men’s World Cup: A Case Study,” *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport*, 25(1).

Wendt, J.T. & Young, P.C. (2014) “Protecting spectator rights: reflections on the General Law of the Cup,” *The International Sports Law Journal*, 14(3-4), 179.

Wendt, J.T. (2014) “Toward Harmonization In Anti-Doping Regulation In Equestrian Sport,” *International Sports Law Review Pandektis*, 10 (3/4).

Miller, J.J. & Wendt, J.T. (2014) “The Concussion Crisis in the National Hockey League,” *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 9(1).

Miller, J.J., Pauline, G.A. & Wendt, J.T., (2013) “An Investigation of Risk Management Protocols at Triathlon Events,” *Journal of Event and Venue Management*, 4(2),15.

Wendt, J.T. (2012) “Toward Harmonization: British Olympic Association v. The World Anti-Doping Association,” *Marquette Sports Law Review*, 23(1),154.

Wendt, J.T. (2012) “The Road to the London 2012 Olympic Games, ‘The Selection Games,’” *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 30(3),17.

Miller, J.J. and Wendt, J.T. (2012) “The Lack of Risk Communication at an Elite Sports Event: A Case Study of the FINA 10 K Marathon Swimming World Cup,” *International Journal of Sport Communication*, 5, 265.

Wendt, J.T. and Miller, J.J. (2012) “Tragedy at Fujairah: Risk management and legal issues on the death of Fran Crippen,” *University of Denver Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*, Vol. 12, 71.

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Wendt, J.T. and Young, P.C. (2011) "Reputational Risk and Social Media," *University of Mississippi Sports Law Review*, Winter, 2011,1,97.

Wendt, J.T. (2011) "The FEI and the Continuing Fight against Doping in Equestrian Sport," *The International Sports Law Journal*, 2011, (3-4).

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Miller, J.J., Wendt, J.T. and Potter, N. (2011) Whitepaper: "Heat-related illness in interscholastic football: What coaches and athletic administrators need to understand." *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 6(2).

Wendt, J.T. (2010) "The Need for WADA to address Confidentiality Leaks in Drug Testing in Olympic Sports: The Ian Thorpe Situation." *The International Sports Law Journal*, (3-4), 474.

Wendt, J.T. (2010) "The Road to Vancouver; Issues at the XXI Olympic Winter Games." *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 28(1),3.

Miller, J.J., Wendt, J.T., and Young, P.C. (2010) "Fourth Amendment considerations and application of risk management principles for pat-down searches at professional football games." *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport*, 20(2),108.

Wendt, J.T. (2009) "The Crisis of Doping in Equestrian Sport," *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, Fall 2009, 27(3).

Wendt, J.T. (2009), "The Road to Beijing and Beyond: A Time of Transition in the War on Doping." *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 26, (4).

Wendt, J.T., Miller, J. J., & Kern, S. (2008) "Steroid Use in Interscholastic Athletics: Is there reasonable suspicion?" *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 3(2), 111.

Miller, J.J., Wendt, J. T. and Seidler, T. (2008) "Tackling Steroid Abuse in Interscholastic Athletics: Perceptions of Athletic Directors." *International Journal of Sport Management*, 9(2), 117.

Wendt, J.T., (2006) "Adventures in Turino." *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 22(4).

Wendt, John T., (2005) "Year of the Steroid: Are New Testing Regimes Enough?" *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 22(8).

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Wendt, J.T. and Tippins, S.C., (2005) “Risk Management and Sports Marketing.” *Business Journal for Entrepreneurs*, 2005 (4).

Wendt, John T., (2004) “The New World Anti-Doping Agency and World Anti-Doping Code.” *Midwest Law Review*, Vol. 19, 29 – 45.

Wendt, John T. “WADA, Doping and THG.” (2004) *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, 21 (4).

Wendt, John T. (1995) “The Impact of Labor Law on Professional Sports.” Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association on the Sports and Entertainment Industries, 1995.

Book Chapters

Wendt, J. & Miller, J. (2017) “International sports law.” In J.J. Miller & K. Schoepfer (eds.), *Sports Law*. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett.

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Miller, J.J. and Wendt, J.T. (2010) “Managing Sport Management Internship Risks: Insurance Issues.” In *A Practical Guide to Sport Management Internships* (Miller, J. & Seidler, T., eds). Carolina Academic Press.

Wendt, J.T. (1999) “Legal Issues in Sports Medicine.” *Orthopaedic Knowledge Update: Sports Medicine II*, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 1999.

Editorial and Review Activities

Sports Law Arbitration Moot (SLAM) competition organized by LawInSport and hosted at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, 2025 and 2026.

American Business Law Journal, Reviewer, 2019 – Present

Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Reviewer

International Journal of Private Law, Editorial Board

Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport, Editorial Board

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Sport and Recreation Law Association, Reviewer

Business and Professional Ethics Journal, Reviewer

The Journal of Philosophy, Science & Law, Reviewer

Board Member, “Winning with Integrity, a special forum exploring the intersection of sports, ethics and leadership,”

Board of Advisors, UST - NCAA National Youth Sports Program

Board of Advisors, Center for Academic and Sports

Interim Director, Center for Academic and Sports

External Professional, Arbitration and Community Service

State of Minnesota

Board Member, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission

Consultant, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission

Planning Member, Council on Physical Fitness and Sport

Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission Committee on the “Olympic Wall of Fame”

Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission Sports Ethics Committee

Co-Author (with Gary Gandrud and Bill Grohs) Minnesota Amateur Sports

Congress Charter

USA Swimming, Inc.

Former Member, Counselors Committee

Former Member, USA Swimming National Board of Review

Former Senior Counselor, Insurance Assessment Board of Review

Former Presidential Delegate, United States Aquatic Sports Convention

American Bar Association

Forum Committee on Sports and Entertainment Law

Former Chair, Special Projects Subcommittee on Sports and Entertainment Law,

Former Select Subcommittee on Amateur Athletics

Minnesota State Bar Association

Former Member, Advisory Board to the State Board of Law Examiners

Former Legal Education Committee

Former Art and Entertainment Law Committee

Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul

Member of the Bid Committee for the Games of the XXVI Olympiad

Member of the Bid Committee, 1990 United States Olympic Sports Festival

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Member of the Bid Committee for the 1991 International Special Olympics
Former Consultant, City of St. Paul Sports Council

Hennepin County Bar Association
Former Board of Governors
Former District Chair

Inside Counsel, Twin Cities Festival Organizing Committee, United States Olympic Festival

Former Of Counsel, Minnesota Sports Festival

Former Board of Governors, District Chair, United States Water Polo

Former Of Counsel, International Women's Professional Softball Players' Association

Former Of Counsel, United States Amateur Athletic Union

Inaugural Member of Board of Advisors of Century College's Sports Facilities
Management

Faculty Advisor to Claimants *Rajender v. University of Minnesota*, Title IX Discrimination
Case

Consultant to Representative Joe Atkins, Minnesota House of Representatives on Bills
relating to Prevention of Steroid Abuse

Attorney Licenses: State of Minnesota
United States Federal Court
United States Court of Appeals
Court of International Trade