

## FOREWORD

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On April 11, 2011, the *Albany Government Law Review* hosted its semi-annual spring symposium, *Baseball and the Law: America's National Pastime*. Following the daylong event, we collected scholarship concerning all facets of the sport from the some of the most noted and thoughtful commentators.

The result is a twice Murder's Row of authorship on the intersection of baseball and the law. The *Baseball and the Law* issue is presented, more or less, in chronological order beginning, quite appropriately, with the origins of the sport and followed by the advent of the reserve system in 1879 during a meeting of National League owners in Buffalo, New York, following by its ultimate demise nearly one century later. The articles continue with an examination of baseball's first player to earn over a million dollars annually, in the late 1970s, which seems quaint when measured against the bulging, present-day contracts of sluggers like Alex Rodriguez and Albert Pujols, and a thoughtful examination of whether Barry Bonds was wronged by his union. Finally, the issue includes unique treatments of the role of agents of college athletes and the comparison of the roles of judges and umpires. Also included in the issue is a student-written comment about the growing split among the circuits regarding personal jurisdiction analysis in internet commerce and the resulting tension on the Due Process Clause.

There are two coincidences worth mentioning related to the publication of this issue. First, although my last name is Stengel, I am not related to the great Old Professor, Casey, player and colorful and endlessly quotable manager of the Yankees and Mets, who was inducted into Cooperstown in 1966. Second, I was assigned to seat 37—Casey's very number—in the class of Professor Patrick Connors, long-suffering Mets fan and one of the

likely heirs of the legacy of Professor David Siegel, the New York practice authority.

This issue, keeping in the tradition of publishing symposia-based books, would not be possible without the support of our two managers, as it were. We journal members owe a collective tip of caps to our faculty advisers, Professor Paul Finkelman, prolific American historian, distinguished professor, and, of course, baseball scholar who inspired the symposium, and Dean Patrica Salkin, Director of Albany Law School's Government Law Center.

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