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WSP 351 — What Sports Scandals Can Teach Us About Ethics in Everyday Life

Spring

On-campus	Saturday	10:00 am—4:00 pm
Date(s)	Apr 14	1 day
Drop By	Apr 7	0 Unit
Fees	\$225	
Instructor(s):	Ronald Katz	

Registration opens on 03/05/2018

Whether it's the federal indictment of famed college basketball coach Rick Pitino; recurring concussion issues affecting football greats like the late Oakland Raiders quarterback Ken Stabler; or domestic violence issues like those that led to the suspension of Dallas Cowboys star running back Ezekiel Elliott, sports scandals are continuously in the news. And they touch on fundamental ethical questions that are pervasive in our daily lives. This one-day workshop will take the provocative ethical questions raised in sports and provide students with philosophical frameworks needed to analyze these ethical dilemmas, and leadership models needed to prevent and curtail them. Students will learn how different schools of philosophy (utilitarianism, deontology, and virtue ethics) can help us examine these dilemmas in a clear and rigorous way. They will also see how various leadership models (adaptive leadership, servant leadership, situational leadership, and others) can help us make and implement practical decisions that create an ethical path forward. Drawing on research found in the new book *Sport, Ethics and Leadership* (co-written by the instructor), the workshop will give students a practical introduction to ethical leadership and the tools they need to make better decisions on the field, in the boardroom, in the home, or any other parts of their lives.

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Ronald S. Katz, who has practiced sports law for over two decades, is a co-author of *Sport, Ethics and Leadership*. He was a co-founder of the Institute of Sports Law and Ethics at Santa Clara University. He has taught trial advocacy at Stanford Law School and sports law at Santa

Clara University Law School. Katz received a JD from Harvard and an MA from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College.

Textbooks for this course:

(Recommended) Jack Bowen, Ronald S. Katz, Jeffrey R. Mitchell, Donald J. Polden & Richard Walden, *Sport, Ethics and Leadership*, 1st edition (ISBN 978-1-138-73847-8)

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