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"Congress and College Sports: Pending Legislation and Lingering Questions," Knight Commission Session at NCAA Convention
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | National Harbor, Maryland

Panelist Bios

Peyton Barish: Peyton Barish serves as the Knight Commission's Coordinator of Special Projects and Policy. He is a Master of Public Policy graduate of Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and letterwinner as a member of the track and cross-country teams at NC State as an undergraduate. In addition to his time as a college athlete, Barish collaborated with other NC State athletes in founding a racial equity non-profit organization.

Pam Bernard: Pam Bernard is co-chair of the Knight Commission and Vice President and General Counsel emerita of Duke University. Prior to Duke, she was Vice President and General Counsel to the University of Florida and directed its governing board operations. Bernard is a past President of the National Association of College & University Attorneys and was awarded NACUA's Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to the field of higher education law practice.

Gabe Feldman: Gabe Feldman is the Sher Garner Professor of Sports Law, the Paul and Abram B. Barron Professor of Law, Director of the Tulane Sports Law Program, the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Tulane Center for Sport, and Tulane University's Associate Provost for NCAA Compliance. He serves as the Knight Commission's legal consultant and also hosts the sports law podcast *Sportswise: A Podcast About Sports and the Law*.

David Foster: David Foster currently serves as special counsel at Ivie McNeill Wyatt Purcell & Diggs. Before that, he was Deputy General Counsel for the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) for a decade. Prior to joining the NBPA, Foster served as a prosecutor in Queens County, New York and the District of New Jersey prosecuting white collar fraud, political corruption, and organized crime.

Amy Privette Perko: Amy Privette Perko has led the Knight Commission since 2005, serving as executive director until October 2016, when she was named chief executive officer. During her tenure, the Commission has published several major reports that inform and influence college sports leaders and policymakers and the NCAA has adopted several significant Knight Commission recommendations. She is a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame following a career where she finished as the school's all-time leader in points, rebounds, assists, and steals.

Rob Mangas: Rob Mangas is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Federal Government Law & Policy group. He has represented clients before Congress and federal agencies from a variety of industries and in multiple policy areas, including trade, energy, environment, health care, biotechnology, transportation, financial services, information technology, artificial intelligence, manufacturing, tax, education, pensions, defense, and foreign relations. He previously served as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Wendell Ford, the former Senate Majority Whip. Mangas played football at the University of Kentucky where he was an Academic All-American.

