**SoSe 2024 Kolloquium: Sports and Competition Law – Prof. Dr. Sven Völcker**

**Inhaltliche Beschreibung:**

* Should UEFA be allowed to prevent football clubs from participating in the next iteration of the European Super League?
* If the PGA Tour decides to combine with Saudi-backed LIV Golf, should such a merger of the world’s major professional golf competitions be authorized?
* Is the German “50+1 rule” effectively a cartel between German football clubs seeking to limit investment and preserve the status quo?

These are only some of the many fascinating questions we will discuss in this course, which examines the intersection between competition (antitrust) law and professional sports.

The competition rules place strict limits on many forms of cooperation between competitors, and on the creation and exercise of monopoly power. But organized sport requires significant cooperation between competitors to function, as well as a single institution to set and enforce uniform rules. What makes sport different from other industries? To what extent do those differences justify disapplication of the competition rules and on how can this be put

We will begin the course with two Zoom sessions in April, followed by in-person sessions in Göttingen for student presentations and discussion. Students are expected to give a 10-15 minute slide presentation. More information about the course will be provided during the optional information session on 12 April.

Friday April 12 (Zoom) Information session

16:00-17:00

Friday April 19 (Zoom) Introduction to the basic principles of competition law

16:00-18:00

Friday April 26 (Zoom) Introduction to the organizational and business dynamics

16:00-18:00 of professional sport

Distribution of topics for student presentations

Friday June 21 Student presentations and discussion

14:00 - 18:00

Saturday June 22

9:30 - 13:00

Friday July 5 Student presentations and discussion

14:00 - 18:00

Saturday July 6

9:30 - 13:00

Wednesday July 30 Deadline for student papers (10 pages)

The course will be conducted entirely in English, but I am happy to explain terminology as we go along. Some prior knowledge of EU and/or German competition law is desirable, but not essential.

Credit: "vorbereitende Leistung" (§ 9 I lit. c SchwPrO 2012 i.V. § 4a Abs. 3 S.1 NJAG) and/or "Fremdsprachennachweis" (§ 4 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 d NJAG)

Please contact the instructor for questions and Zoom details for the virtual sessions at [sven.voelcker@lw.com](mailto:sven.voelcker@lw.com).

**Studiengang Jura mit Abschluss Staatsexamen / Erste Prüfung:**

* Schwerpunktbereichsveranstaltung (§ 4a Abs. 1 S. 2) im Schwerpunktbereich 2 - Privates und Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht
* Veranstaltung zur Erbringung der vorbereitenden Leistung gem. § 4a Abs. 3 S. 1 NJAG
* Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenveranstaltung i.S.d. § 4 Abs. 1 Nr. 1d NJAG.

**Wahlpflichtmodul bzw. Wahlmodul für Bachelor- / Masterstudiengänge nach Modulkatalog des entsprechenden Studienganges**

Eine Anmeldung zur Veranstaltung über FlexNow ist erforderlich! Diese Veranstaltung ist teilnahmebeschränkt. Bei Überbuchung findet jeweils am Mittwoch um 12.00 Uhr der letzten vorlesungsfreien Woche ein Losverfahren statt.