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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER HIRED BY SPORTS ILLUSTRATED.COM (SI.COM)

MEMPHIS, TENN. (September 12, 2007)... A member of the *College Sport Research Institute* (CSRI) Executive Board, Professor Michael McCann of Mississippi College of Law, was recently hired as sports law columnist for SI.com. Professor McCann's appointment is consistent with CSRI's vision of providing "...opportunities for independent organized and focused cross-disciplinary research regarding college sport in the United States. Specifically, CSRI is committed to serving as a national clearinghouse for college sports research, building research capacity – both internally and externally - that increases the ability of students, faculty, and college-sport practitioners to perform research into issues in college sport."

Professor McCann is a tenure-track law professor at Mississippi College School of Law. His courses taught include sports law, torts, health care law, immigration law, and consumer law. He was awarded the 2006-07 Professor of the Year Award, the 2006-07 Professor of the Year Award for First-Year Courses, and the 2005-06 Professor of the Year Award for First-Year Courses. Mr. McCann came to Mississippi College School of Law after completing his J.D. at The University of Virginia Law School, and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

At SI.com, Professor McCann will author the column "Sports and the Law." In addition, he will provide commentary for pieces relating to sports law. "I am thrilled and honored to have this opportunity," said Professor McCann. "I look forward to exploring the different dimensions of sports law with a wide audience."

More information on Professor McCann's involvement with the College Sport Research Institute can be found at <http://csri.memphis.edu>

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