

Sports Law 2007 Quiz 1

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- A. Unlikely prevail
- B. Probably prevail
- C. Certainly prevail

2. After a great college career at NOVA, Mindy Sawyer has been a starting wide receiver for the Columbia Ravens, a women's professional football league, for the last three years. Mindy is injured in a football game and returns four weeks later. Her time in the forty-yard dash drops of by .3 of a second after her injury (a significant drop for a WNFL player). Two weeks after her return, she is released. Mindy files a lawsuit against the Ravens. The Ravens' team doctor offers testimony during his deposition that the player "was fit to return because her injury had healed to the point where Mindy was at no further risk of exacerbating the injury." The Ravens filed Requests for Admissions. One request asked that plaintiff admit the substance of the doctor's above-referenced testimony. This request is admitted. Discovery is closed. The Ravens file a motion for summary judgment, claiming that they should win as a matter of law because Mindy admitted she was fit to play. Experts were not deposed but will testify at trial. Should the Ravens win their summary judgment motion?

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3. Peter is a four-year veteran player with the Baltimore Bouncers of the NPML (National Pinball Machine League). Peter went to the owner and said he was going to retire in the middle of his 4-year unambiguous contract because his wrist was beginning to hurt too much. The owner promised him a \$1,000 bonus each year if he agreed to stay. The owner refused to pay. He admits in answers to interrogatories that he told his nephew of the agreement. Who is more likely to admit this evidence at trial?

- D. "Judge" Corbin
- E. "Judge" Williston

4. In Question #4, what do you expect a Maryland court would do?

- A. Likely admit the evidence of the conversation with the nephew
- B. Likely exclude the evidence of the conversation with the nephew

5. What is the rule of law in *Tollefson* (minimum \$3,600 case)?

In a dispute, the ruling goes with the party that most evidences the Bonus Question: What is the test can be applied to determine if a breach is a material bargain, i.e. written breach? classifier.

x) whether the non-performance of a duty is so important & significant as to justify the injured party in regarding the entire K as terminated.

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6. Bonus Question: What is the test can be applied to determine if a breach is a material breach? If it significantly changes or impairs important terms of a contract.