

N.W.H.L. Prioritizes Independent Team Ownership in New Model

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Chair of Goulston & Storrs' College Sports Law Practice, Martin Edel, was recently quoted by the New York Times in an article about the National Women's Hockey League's new organizational model under a new interim commissioner.

"Martin Edel, a lecturer at Columbia Law School who specializes in sports law, said that the [single-entity model](#) of the last 20 years or so was built primarily on trying to avoid the [antitrust laws](#), like [Section 1 of the Sherman Act](#), rather than on growth.

'I haven't seen new leagues that have arisen since the early 1990s come up in the traditional model; that's why this is frankly surprising,' Edel said of the N.W.H.L.'s switch. 'Is that a better model for growth? It could be.'"

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