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Dedicated to my Mother and Father, the two best parents that a son could have.

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Foreword

They say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. In my experience, this old adage takes on new meaning as my son, Tom, has chosen a career in sport management, risk management, sport law, teaching, and coaching. He has developed an interest in and passion for youth sport and has put his time and effort in this area of sport. He was an avid participant in youth sport activities that included baseball, basketball, football, track, and wrestling. Since his early days as a youth sport participant, he added coaching, teaching, officiating, and the administration of youth sport programs. He has had the opportunity as a parent to see youth sport from still another side as his son and daughter actively participate in tennis, soccer, cheerleading, and cross country running. This background in youth sport has prepared him for the field of youth sport and along with his legal background in sport law, the ability and background to write about youth sport and the law.

Today there is an unprecedented interest in youth sport and this all-time high rate of participation is accompanied by a record number of sport-related lawsuits. Youth Sport and the Law uses actual court cases to gain the attention of the reader to the type of court cases that come before the bar that relates to youth sport. The examples of sport-related litigation provides valuable information to all who participate in youth sport—the participant, administrator, coach, and official. Youth Sport and the Law is written in an easy to read style that is legally sound but devoid of burdensome legalese. Judicial decisions are important for the guidelines they provide to all who participate in the youth sport endeavor.

I am pleased that Carolina Academic Press has added the book to its outstanding series in sport law. *Youth Sport and the Law* should be a valuable asset to the series and provide a much needed resource for the millions who are a part of youth sport on the national and international level. The book provides guidelines and recommendations which will greatly improve sport for all concerned.

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