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Callan Stein was quoted in the May 21, 2026, *Competition Policy International* article, "[Courts Struggle to Keep Pace With NCAA Eligibility Battles Amid Rising Athlete Earnings.](#)"

"It's just another eligibility rule that could be challenged by someone," said Cal Stein, a litigation partner with Troutman Pepper Locke.

Stein also noted that any revised eligibility structure would likely apply only moving forward, rather than retroactively benefiting athletes who have already exhausted their playing time.

"I don't think the NCAA would try to apply a new rule retroactively," Stein said. "I think it would probably be on a go-forward basis, and if they did try to apply it retroactively, I think there would be legal challenges to that."

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