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Is the BYU-Utah football Rivalry Plagued by Tampering? Here's an Inside Look at the 'Dirty Business' of the Transfer Portal

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Callan Stein, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Health Care + Life Sciences Industry Group, was quoted in the October 18, 2025 *The Salt Lake Tribune* article, "[Is the BYU-Utah football Rivalry Plagued by Tampering? Here's an Inside Look at the 'Dirty Business' of the Transfer Portal.](#)"

"It's hard because if everyone's doing it, there's going to be a hesitancy to really come down and drop the hammer on someone," said Callan Stein, an attorney who has represented multiple athletic departments on NIL and NCAA compliance matters.

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In the end, though, the NCAA may not have the resources to effectively monitor potential tampering on its own, said Stein, the NIL and compliance attorney.

"Less restrictions equals more transfers, equals more opportunities for tampering. I think you're going to see more incentives to tamper, quite frankly, from all the schools," Stein said.

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