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# NASCAR Trial to Begin in Michael Jordan Team Monopolization Suit

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Barbara Sicalides, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Business Litigation Practice Group, was quoted in the December 1, 2025 *Bloomberg Law* article, "[NASCAR Trial to Begin in Michael Jordan Team Monopolization Suit](#)."

"In a sports case, it's often tough to distinguish whether the issue at hand is an actual business dispute or that it rises to the level of an antitrust claim," said Barbara T. Sicalides, a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke.

Here, the jury will determine whether the terms of NASCAR's charter deals are so restrictive that they harm competition.

"There are a lot of people who think everybody is a monopolist, but the reality is, it's legal to be a monopolist; it's just not legal to obtain your monopoly or maintain your monopoly through anticompetitive conduct," Sicalides said.

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