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NCAA Appeal in Vanderbilt QB Eligibility Case Tossed as Moot

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Michael Lowe, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Health Care + Life Sciences Practice Group, was quoted in the October 2, 2025 *Bloomberg Law* article, "NCAA Appeal in Vanderbilt QB Eligibility Case Tossed as Moot."

- The merits of Pavia's complaint will now be litigated at the district court level, with the NCAA continuing to argue the benefits of its rule, said Michael Lowe, litigation partner with Troutman Pepper Locke.

- "If you said there's no rule, schools can keep a student as long as they want as long as they are pursuing a degree, theoretically you could have somebody just say 'I'll get a master's in this, I'll get a law degree, I'll go to medical school.' Where does it end?" Lowe said. "Where that line gets drawn is anybody's guess."

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- Concurring opinions are usually designed to point out that there are still issues to confront in a case, Lowe said.

- Pavia's case could end up back at the Sixth Circuit after being ruled on the merits at the district court level and then appealed, he added.

  "They may be called upon to rule on the merits of the legal issue, just not today," Lowe said.

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