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## NCAA, Sports Leagues Brace for More Antitrust Action in Court

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Michael Lowe, a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke, was quoted in the January 2, 2026 *Bloomberg Law* article, “[NCAA, Sports Leagues Brace for More Antitrust Action in Court](#).”

“You’ve got potential money on the table for student-athletes; you’ve got plaintiffs’ lawyers that will take the cases,” **Michael S. Lowe, a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke**, said about the appetite for litigation against the NCAA. “And you’ve got unsettled law. It’s the perfect storm for plaintiffs’ litigation.”

The organization has already been hit by dozens of suits that challenge its rules for how long an athlete can compete—typically five years to play four seasons in a chosen sport.

“You’re going to see a lot of student-athletes filing suit for that extra year or two of eligibility,” **Lowe** said. “Why wouldn’t you at least take a shot to try and get another year where you can get money to compete at that level?”

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