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NCAA Weighs Five-Year Eligibility Rules as Player Suits Pile Up

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Callan Stein was quoted in the May 21, 2026, *Bloomberg Law* article, [“NCAA Weighs Five-Year Eligibility Rules as Player Suits Pile Up.”](#)

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

But a rule allowing a fifth year of eligibility may not apply to players like Patterson.

“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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“Once the season is over, it probably doesn’t matter to that particular athlete anymore whether he or she wins the case, because what they wanted, i.e. to play, has already been accomplished,” Stein said.

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