



Straight talking sports lawyers



Services for Clubs

At Beswicks we have a dedicated team of sports lawyers experienced in the business of football, who understand the commercial aspects as well as being passionate about the game.

Whether you require legal advice regarding the development of your club or in the day to day issues such as employment law or property transactions, our dedicated team of lawyers can advise you. Beswicks provide first class advice essential to the success of commercial relationships, which might involve anything from image rights to buying a new team or stadium.

OUR SERVICES TO FOOTBALL CLUBS INCLUDE:

- commercial agreements
- company matters
- disciplinary and regulatory matters
- employment issues
- franchising
- image rights
- intellectual property rights
- licensing
- media rights
- property transactions
- sponsorship arrangements

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Under the leadership of the 'superb' Gary Mellor, Beswicks is a sports heavyweight.

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Legal 500, 2008



United Soccer Leagues

With football academies costing millions of pounds to run and fierce competition amongst the wealthy clubs for young talent, football scouts are turning towards North America as a potential source of new talent.

Beswicks has opened the door to the vast North American market through a partnership deal with United Soccer Leagues (USL), who run the largest professional elite-level soccer league in the US, Canada and the Caribbean with over 22,000 professional, pro-am and youth players.

FRANCHISES AND PARTNERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- USL First Division and Second Division (North American men's professional soccer)
- USL Premier Development League (U23 North American men's amateur)
- USL W-League (North American women's amateur)
- USL Super-20 League (U20 North American men's and women's amateur)
- USL Super Y-League (North American boy's and girl's elite youth amateur).

Services for players

The career for professional athletes is often short. The right advice and management is essential to maximise performance and earning potential. The sports law team at Beswicks specialise in advising sports people, understand the business of sport and build solid relationships with their clients.

Whether it is your next transfer, new playing contract, protection of your image rights, a marketing opportunity or even an impending suspension, our team will be there for you.

OUR SERVICES TO PLAYERS INCLUDE:

- athlete management
- commercial agreements
- disciplinary and regulatory matters
- image rights
- immigration
- media rights
- playing contracts
- sponsorship promotion and marketing



The team, from left: Darren Long, Mark Cartwright, Steve Wood, Tim Bailey, Gary Mellor, Clive Clarke and Simon Woodings.

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