

Western Law Sport Solution Clinic

A program of AthletesCAN in partnership with Western Law



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About Us

- ▶ In April 1996, AthletesCAN partnered with Western University, to create an AthletesCAN program that would help Canada's national team athletes resolve and prevent legal conflicts in sport. Together, they named this program Sport Solution. It is the only program of its kind in North America and is available free of charge to all members of AthletesCAN.



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Our Mission

Sport Solution is committed to supporting an athlete-centred sport system and strives to achieve this objective by counselling and advocating on behalf of Canada's high performance athletes so their voices are properly represented when resolving the sport related issues that affect them.



Services Offered

- ▶ Sport Solution provides assistance to national team athletes in resolving sports related legal issues and offers support throughout the dispute resolution process. The program also offers athletes guidance on how to prevent conflict and understand the fair administration of sport. Sport Solution responds to the legal needs of athletes on a full range of issues and can provide information about:
 - ▶ General Inquiries and Concerns
 - ▶ National Sport Organization (NSO) Procedures
 - ▶ How to Prepare for NSO Appeals and Arbitration at the SDRCC
 - ▶ Athlete Agreements
 - ▶ Corresponding With NSOs

Types of Issues We Handle

Sport Solution assists national team athletes during the internal NSO dispute resolution process and appeals before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada's tribunal, with the following issues:

- Team Selection
- AAP Funding/Carding
- Discipline
- Anti-Doping Violations
- Athlete Trusts
- Harassment
- Other Sports Related Legal Concerns



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The Clinic

- ▶ Sport Solution offers Western Law students the opportunity to assist Canadian athletes in preventing and resolving sport-related legal issues. Each year 8 first-year law students join the Clinic as 1L Caseworkers, whose responsibilities range from legal research to drafting athlete agreements. This year, 5 upper-year students provide mentor support as Case Managers, facilitating the relationship between athletes and Caseworkers. 5 upper-year Program Managers oversee the Clinic as a whole, interacting with athletes and National Sport Organizations (NSOs) while directing the day-to-day operation of the Clinic in a leadership role.



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The Team - Our Supervising Lawyer

- ▶ **Amanda Fowler**

- ▶ Amanda Fowler is the Supervising Lawyer of the Sport Solution Clinic at Western's Faculty of Law. Amanda started her sports law career when she represented a college baseball player who was drafted to a major league team. Shortly after, she began practicing sports law by representing Olympic, high-performance and amateur athletes in various sport disputes, including team non-selections, improper carding nominations, human rights and doping infractions. Amanda has successfully represented Canadian and international athletes at the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada and the Court of Arbitration for Sport. One of her most memorable cases was being involved with the Caster Semenya appeal. She continues to advise professional athletes, sport organization and teams. In 2017, Amanda was a pro bono lawyer for the Invictus Games in Toronto.



The Team - Our Program Managers



Brittany Bates
(2L)



Margaret
MacKinnon (3L)



Tyler O'Henly (3L)

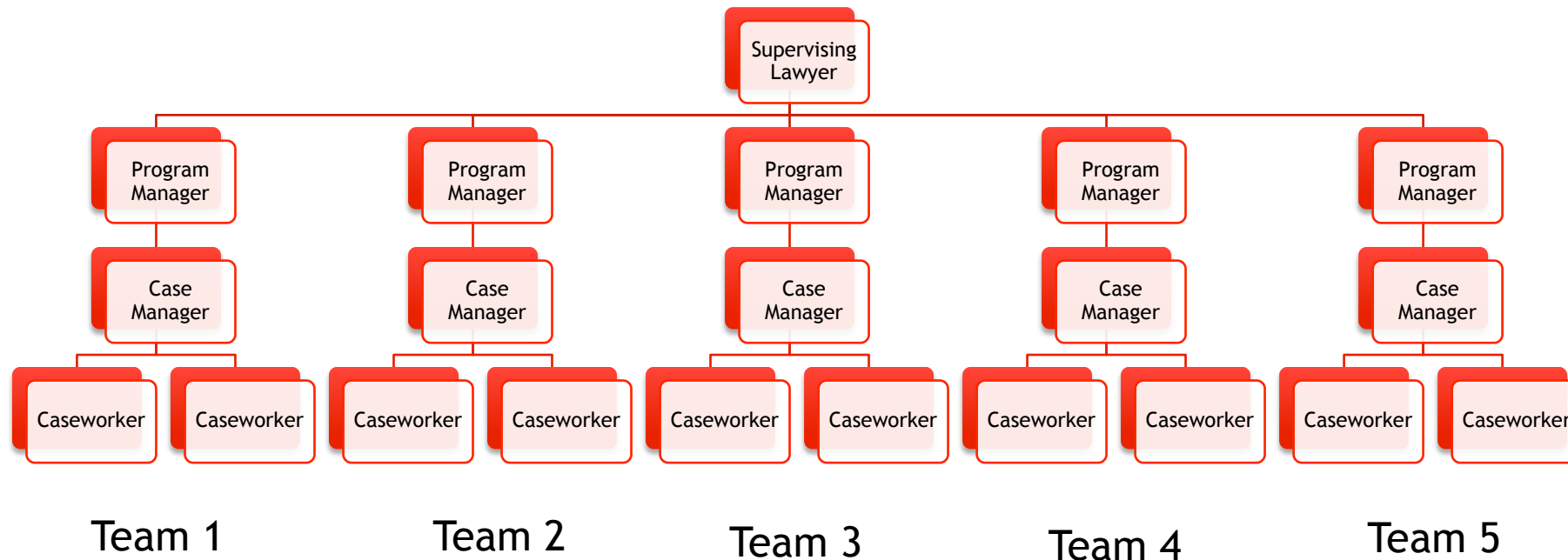


Greg Cherniak
(2L)



Tyler Matthews (2L)

The Team - Our Clinic Structure



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- ▶ Our Clinic works in five (5) teams, each consisting of one (1) Program Manager, one (1) Case Manager, and two (2) Caseworkers, and we all work under our Supervising Lawyer.
- ▶ Program Managers ensure smooth Clinic operations by making themselves available to help answer any questions from the Caseworkers and Case Managers.
- ▶ Case Managers are responsible for providing support and guidance to 1L Caseworkers as it relates to researching and drafting briefs.
- ▶ Caseworkers are largely responsible for conducting sport related legal research, and drafting legal documents.
- ▶ We are adamant about constant communication and transparency, not only in order to serve our athletes, but to create an inclusive and productive team environment.
- ▶ Each person on the team is significant, valued, and necessary!

Contact Us



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- ▶ **Athletes:** CALL EARLY! Sport Solution can better address your needs before the problem escalates. At the Sport Solution, you, the athlete, control the dispute resolution process - we're here to give you the tools to resolve the problem.
- ▶ Before making contact, it is recommended to organize any relevant information you may have available into digital files creating a background of your situation. This will allow the program managers to efficiently investigate the issue and provide you with a timely response.

Hours of Operation

- ▶ **2020 Fall Semester Regular Office Hours: [September 9rd - December 4th]**
 - ▶ Monday to Friday 10am-5pm Eastern Standard Time
- ▶ **2021 Winter Semester Regular Office Hours: [January 4th - April 8th]**
 - ▶ Monday to Friday 10am-5pm Eastern Standard Time
- ▶ **2020/21 Sessional Dates Where the Clinic Will Be Closed**
 - ▶ November 2rd - 3rd Fall Study Break
 - ▶ December 7th- 18th Fall Term Examination Period
 - ▶ December 18th- January 3rd Winter Break
 - ▶ February 15th- 26th Winter Study Week
 - ▶ April 19th - April 30th - Winter Term Examination Period

Disclaimer

- ▶ Sport Solution is a program of AthletesCAN, the association of Canada's national team athletes. The Program Managers, case managers and caseworkers of the Sport Solution program are law students who can provide athletes with legal information and resources on: sport dispute resolution procedures, athlete agreements and contracts, selection and discipline procedures in sport, and related legal and policy issues.
- ▶ The Sport Solution Program Managers, case managers and caseworkers are not lawyers and they cannot provide legal advice or opinion. AthletesCAN respects an individual's privacy and any personal or confidential information that is provided to the Sport Solution will be used solely to assist the athlete with their issue or concern, and will not be shared with others without the athlete's consent.



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