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Peter Goplerud is the Dean and a Professor of Law at Florida Coastal School of Law, where he teaches sports law. Prior to his tenure at Coastal Law, Goplerud served as Dean of Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1997 through June of 2003 and as Professor of Law at Drake University Law School. He began his career as a law clerk for Justice David Prager of the Supreme Court of Kansas and later joined the faculty of the University of Akron School of Law. He has taught at Southern Illinois University School of Law where he was also dean and associate dean, at Saint Louis University School of Law, and at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he served as dean for three years. His specialties are sports law and environmental law, and he is widely published in both of those areas.

Goplerud has been a member of the Sports Lawyers Association Board of Directors since 1997. He has been a frequent lecturer and written numerous law review articles regarding sports law topics. He is a co-author of one of the leading sports law textbooks now in its sixth edition. He has been a consultant in the sports law field, as well as providing service as an expert witness. Goplerud was involved in the representation of professional athletes in team and individual sports during the 1980s and 1990s. He also has experience with coaches' contracts, athlete eligibility issues, and collegiate athletic compliance matters.