

Daniel Wallach Addresses MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference

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Becker shareholder **Daniel Wallach**, a nationally recognized authority on sports and gaming law, was a featured panelist at the 12th Annual Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan Sports Analytics Conference on February 23 in Boston.

Dan, along with fellow panelists Chad Millman, *Head of Media, The Action Network*, Dr. Laila Mintas, PH.D., *Deputy President, Sportradar*, Jeff Ma, *Senior Director of Analytics, Twitter*, and Ted Olson, *Partner, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher* (left to right in adjacent picture) discussed the future of legalized sports betting in the United States. Their panel discussion, “How Legal Gambling Changes Sports: Contemplating a Post-Christie v. NCAA World,” took a look at the pending Supreme Court decision and speculated on the drastic implications legal sports betting will have for fans and leagues alike.

With 24 separate panels and over 3,500 attendees, the conference, presented by sports network ESPN, featured an array of luminaries from the business of sports and, yes, even politics. Former President Barack Obama spoke at the conference, as did Tampa Bay Lightning Chairman Jeff Vinik, Steve Ballmer, Los Angeles Clippers Owner, Gary Bettman, Commissioner of the NHL, and Kristen Mackie, Director of Strategy and Analytics with the NFL.