



THE BETTOR'S VERDICT - A HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS PODCAST ON GAMBLING LAW

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This podcast, hosted by [Steven Jacobs](#), will focus on unwinding the tangled web of US gambling laws past and present, telling the stories of the people affected by this sometimes-impenetrable and often-changing landscape, and providing insight on what will come next.

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EPISODE 5: A GAMBLING APPRENTICESHIP

On this episode Steven Jacobs is joined by Danielle Langhoff and Yasmin Mitha, experts on addiction-related legal claims and regulation, to discuss loot boxes, social casinos, and gaming apps that may target children with addictive in-game purchases which include randomized rewards—creating what some have referred to as a "gambling apprenticeship." The discussion touches upon how these games may run afoul of gambling laws, the lawsuits we are seeing in this area, and best practices for game developers to avoid legal risk.

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On this emergency episode Steven Jacobs is joined by Robert Linnehan, a writer at XLMedia, to discuss recently-publicized legislation that would legalize mobile sports wagering in New York.

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EPISODE 3: THE BLOCKCHAIN AND THE DIGITAL FUTURE

On this episode Steven Jacobs is joined by Natasha Blycha, the Global Head of Digital Law at Herbert Smith Freehills and an expert on blockchain and distributed ledger technology. Jacobs and Blycha discuss this revolutionary technology and how it may further disrupt the legal world (and the gambling world). The discussion includes a focus on cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens, and smart contracts.

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EPISODE 2: BETTING ON THE BIG GAME — SPORTS GAMBLING LAW IN THE UNITED STATES

In this episode Steven Jacobs is joined by Professor Mark Conrad, an expert on sports law and gambling law who teaches at the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University, to discuss the law of sports gambling in the United States. Billions of dollars are bet on US sporting events every year, but until recently, this betting was unlawful in nearly every state. Jacobs and Conrad unpack the history of these laws and discuss this rapidly changing legal landscape in the wake of a landmark 2018 Supreme Court decision.

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EPISODE 1: THE RISE, AND FALL, AND RISE AGAIN OF ONLINE POKER IN THE UNITED STATES

Steve Ruddock, Editor-in Chief of Gaming Law Review and Content Director for BettingUSA.com, joins Steven Jacobs for a deep dive regarding the always opaque and sometimes absurd online poker laws in the US, past and present. The discussion includes legal analysis of and industry anecdotes regarding the laws that have impacted online poker spanning from the rise of the internet in the early 2000s, through today.

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