

Football Scholarship Restrictions Could Restrain Trade

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled that the transfer of business from a non-union firm to a union firm did not constitute antitrust injury. A district court held that restrictions on the number of football scholarships to be awarded by colleges could constitute an unlawful restraint of trade. Other recent antitrust developments of interest included a decision by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to close an investigation into an acquisition of cable system assets by two cable companies and the approval by the European Commission of the combination of two athletic shoemakers.