

## Press Release: Couchman Harrington Scores for Ballack

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Couchman Harrington Associates, the leading sports business law specialists, successfully advised world class footballer and captain of the German national team, Michael Ballack, on his recent high profile move to Chelsea FC. The transaction necessitated providing specialist advice to Michael Ballack and his advisers on all aspects of the deal, including his FA Premier League contract and image rights agreements.

Dan Harrington, the partner in charge of the matter for Couchman Harrington, said, "We were delighted that Michael and his team of advisers chose us to advise upon this important deal and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with them. This deal is the latest in a series of high profile football transfers we have worked on and we expect a busy Summer with the reopening of the transfer window and the World Cup."

Dr. Michael Becker, attorney at law and adviser to Michael Ballack, said, "Couchman Harrington were instrumental in helping Michael to a smooth conclusion of what is the most important move of his career. Michael and I were very impressed by Dan's knowledge of the international football business and his professionalism in dealing with the commercial and legal team at Chelsea. I look forward to working with Couchman Harrington again in the near future."

**Couchman Harrington Associates is a commercial law firm offering specialist legal advice to the sports industry. The leading independent legal directories say the following about the firm:-**

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