

## Press Release: Leading Sports Lawyers Appoint New Head of Sports Ventures Unit

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Leading niche sports business lawyers, Couchman Harrington Associates (“CHA”), have appointed senior corporate lawyer, **Satish Khandke**, as a Partner to head up their Sports Ventures Unit. Satish joins CHA from city lawyers, Hammonds, where he was a senior member of its Sports Unit. Satish was previously with international corporate law firm, Baker & McKenzie for nine years before joining former leading sports practice, Townleys.



**Satish Khandke**

This is the fourth senior appointment in the past 12 months by CHA as it cements its position as the fastest growing practice in the sports law sector.

CHA Partner, Mark Whitehead, said:

*“In the past six to nine months we have noticed a significant upsurge in interest and activity in investment and financing projects within the sports sector. We established our Sports Ventures Unit last year in order to take advantage of some of the opportunities which were arising via our relationships with several banks, financiers and investors as well as to service better the needs of our existing clients. Recent developments have convinced us that we should strengthen even further our offering in this area. Satish is not only a senior corporate lawyer of undoubted pedigree but has years of experience as a specialist in the sports sector, a fairly unique combination which we are sure will add massive value to our clients and our business. He is a fantastic acquisition for the firm”.*

Khandke said:

*"The opportunity to join the most dynamic sports law practice in the business was just too good to pass up. CHA's business model is unique in the sports sector as is their entrepreneurial approach, strength in depth and understanding of this sector. We have together identified a number of opportunities for growth in the area of corporate ventures in sport and I am looking forward to the challenge immensely."*

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:-

*"Remarkably successful at a time when other firms have been looking to exit the sports market...winning business model"* (Legal 500)

*"Rising star of the sports world – has cemented its position in the market place...great base of knowledgeable and industry wise people"* (Chambers)

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