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FOOTBALL COACH-RELATED DISPUTES

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE FIFA PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE DECISIONS AND CAS AWARDS

This book offers a penetrating analysis of the thorny problems affecting football coaches under an employment agreement with a club or a federation. It provides a critical review of hundreds of CAS awards and FIFA decisions (some of them unpublished) and it is structured into five chapters. In the first one, the jurisdiction of the FIFA Players' Status Committee is analysed on the basis of the FIFA regulations and relevant CAS and FIFA jurisprudence. The second chapter deals with the applicable law while the third one focuses on substantial issues.

In particular, attention is given to the standing to sue, the form, the object or the duration of the contract, and the rights and obligations, like the right to be remunerated, the right to effective occupation or the obligation to train the team.

Finally, the last two chapters focus on the problem of the termination of contracts, by studying different causes for termination, as well as the legal consequences derived therefrom.

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“Coaches are, undoubtedly, a key piece in the assembly of sports and for that reason this book has a great merit which shall be recognized.

Josep Vandellos, experimented and prominent professional, has skilfully combined in this book the theory, regulations and jurisprudence applicable to football coaches-related disputes which turns out to be a fundamental asset to the sports law world.

This book offers a unique opportunity to immerse in the football coaches' reality and the way the conflicts arising out from their contractual relationships with clubs or national associations are handled”.

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“This book has effectively dissected the profiles of the relationships between the multiple regulations and jurisdictions regarding the legal regime applicable to the disputes of coaches in football. With this work, a gap is filled in the study of the legal regime of coach disputes in football, which is worth to be praised to congratulate the author constituting a very valuable contribution to the study of Sports Law in general and the Football Law, in particular. In short, and with no doubt, the person who comes to the book, whether in the condition as a jurist, football coach, profane or simply an individual with intellectual concerns in the matter, will enjoy this content. The Author can only be congratulated for the huge effort made, placing the work as a reference book and obligatory consultation in any legal and sporting library”.

Prof. Dr. Miguel María García Caba

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