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Peter Goplerud received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas. He began his career as a law clerk for Justice David Prager of the Supreme Court of Kansas and later joined the faculty of the University of Akron School of Law. He has taught at Southern Illinois University School of Law where he was also Dean and Associate Dean, at Saint Louis University School of Law, and at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he served as Dean for three years. Goplerud served as Dean of Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, 1997-2003. He led Florida Coastal School of Law as its Dean from 2004-2013. Subsequently, he served in various executive roles with InfiLaw until his appointment in 2019 as Dean and President of Florida Coastal School of Law. His academic specialty is sports law and he has been a frequent lecturer and is widely published in the area, including serving as co-author on one of the leading textbooks on the subject.

In 1997, Goplerud was elected to the Sports Lawyers Association Board of Directors. He has served on numerous committees for the organization and has been the Conference Chair and Co-Chair. He served as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Sports Law Institute at Marquette University Law School 1999-2005. He has been a consultant in the sports law field and served as Of Counsel to law firms in Denver, Tulsa, Saint Louis, Kansas City, and Edmond, Oklahoma, as well as providing service as an expert witness. Goplerud was involved in the representation of professional athletes in team and individual sports during the 1980s and 1990s. He also has experience with coaches' contracts, and NCAA matters, including athlete eligibility issues and compliance matters. And, he hosted a weekly radio show on sports law and business topics.