



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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CHAD COLLINS NAMED KHSAA ATTORNEY

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Chad Collins has been hired as In-House General Counsel for the KHSAA and will begin his duties with the Association in mid-July, Commissioner Julian Tackett announced on Thursday.

Collins brings a unique mix of legal and courtroom experience, as well as a background in athletic administration and sports officiating to the position. Collins comes to the Association after nearly two years as a Legislative Analyst for the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, where he researched and drafted bill requests, legal memorandums and potential regulations for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. During this time he worked with the Banking and Insurance Committee and the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee.

Prior to his experience with the LRC, Collins worked in Lexington for the firm of Casey Bailey & Maines/Kaplan Law Office where he practiced civil litigation and insurance defense, including malpractice, premises liability, education law, product liability, secured transactions, collections, property damage (coal mine blasting and environmental impact liability) and personal injury.

Collins came back to Kentucky in 2004 and worked as a staff attorney for then-Fayette Circuit Court Judge Mary Noble. In that position he assisted in writing and researching of appellate and trial court decisions and assisted in the administration of trials, hearings and other court proceedings.

"I am excited for this opportunity to become a member of the KHSAA team. The General Counsel position offers me the unique opportunity to combine two of my passions, student athletics and the law, into an exciting new phase of my life," said Collins. "As a student-athlete growing up in Kentucky, the KHSAA afforded me the opportunity to learn and develop real life skills in a fair, yet competitive environment. It is my desire to now help continue to offer that opportunity to the student-athletes of today and tomorrow under the leadership of Commissioner Tackett and the Board of Control. "

Collins gained athletic administration knowledge as Interim Marketing Director for Athletics at the University of North Dakota in 1999. In that role he implemented a budget for the marketing department and assisted in the hosting and execution of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf National Championship and Division II Women's Basketball National Championship finals.

An accomplished soccer official, Collins has refereed the KHSAA State Soccer Championships in 2006, 2007 and 2009 as well as national men's and women's tournaments at the NAIA level. Collins has also officiated NCAA men's and women's tournaments at the Division I, Division II and Division III levels, including the 2008 Division I national third round.

"Chad brings a good cross-section of experience to this position," said Tackett. "His legal and regulatory acumen will be a tremendous asset to the KHSAA. His enthusiasm for the job will make him another great addition to our team."

A veteran of the United State Air Force, where he attained rank of Staff Sergeant, Collins attained an associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force in 1996 and a bachelor's degree in 1999 from the University of North Dakota. He earned his Juris Doctorate in law from William Mitchell College of Law in 2004.



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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.