

# Briefs

WORLD RUGBY LEVELS UP ■ CLEANING UP THE WATERWORKS ■ IN MEMORIAM

## World Rugby Levels Up



**W**orld Rugby is amending its laws, and it is with hope that the safety of rugby players all around the world will improve, but at what expense?

After consultation with a number of players, medical officials, coaches, and competition organizers, World Rugby's governing body—at the recommendation of its Law Review Group and High Performance Committee—has decided to trial five law amendments, and it is said that these amendments will be implemented in global competitions starting in August and in upcoming seasons. Amendments will include goal-line dropouts, sanctions imposed on clear-outs that target lower limbs, penalizing the formation of pods of three or four players, and more, all to reduce the risk of injuries during the game. It is with hope that these new amendments will reduce the potential for concussions, but they may also increase the penalization of players. If the amendments prove to go well in the trials, after a year, the trials that are deemed successful will be

considered for inclusion in rugby's law book from May 2022 — a year before the Rugby World Cup in France.

In addition to the trial amendments, a panel of concussion experts will be made available to the highest level of players to review the health of those who have been concussed. The panel will provide an independent expert opinion on the ability of those players to return to competition, following a graduated return process.

As well as having a positive impact on the recent Super Rugby competition in Australia, the panel review “also gives a secondary level of evaluation for the player prior to return, as players will always retain an urgency to get back on the field,” said International Rugby Players board member Dr. Sharron Flahive. ■

---

*Sourced from the AP News story “World Rugby to trial laws aimed at improving player welfare” by Steve McMorran: <https://apnews.com/article/science-sports-health-rugby-48ddbdf135c-c188622172428807ecd>*

### Get Published in THE PHILADELPHIA LAWYER

The Editorial Board of this magazine welcomes submissions from attorneys and other professionals who wish to share their expertise on law-related topics.

As policy, we do not compensate our writers.

Articles must be original and previously unpublished.

Manuscripts should adhere to the following word counts:

- \* Major Law-Related Articles: 2,000 words
- \* Other Law-Related Features: 1,500 words
- \* General Interest: 1,500 words
- \* Fiction: 1,000 words
- \* Practice Areas: 750 words
- \* Essays or Humor: 750 words
- \* Book Reviews: 750 words

For more information,  
e-mail: [tplmag@philabar.org](mailto:tplmag@philabar.org).

# Cleaning Up the Waterworks

**A**s the country continues to battle risky and dangerous water-related issues, the Biden Administration has prioritized water as one of its main concerns. In an interview with The Associated Press, Radhika Fox, the Environmental Protection Agency's new water director, delves into the Biden administration's plan to rewrite the regulation, and explains the waterways that qualify for federal protection under the Clean Water Act.

This interview touched on the infrastructure plan's goal of eliminating the country's remaining lead pipes and service lines, and the importance of diversifying water sources in dry regions. Fox further explained that the Clean Water Act was created about 50 years ago, because "rivers were on fire because pollution was so bad." With such toxic and harmful pollution affecting the water, there is a higher risk of contaminations of water sources in homes and in educational settings. With this in mind, Fox urges that we really "understand the on-the-ground implementation challenges," and work together as a community to "invest in those things that



are going to promote diversification of water supplies."

Without a doubt, there is a water access gap, one which Fox spoke about in the interview. Every year, millions of people go without access to clean, safe, and affordable water services, so this new administration must continue to prioritize water conservation. ■

*Sourced from the AP News story "AP Interview: EPA water chief on clean water protections" by Suman Naishadham: <https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-business-government-and-politics-environment-and-nature-0f8f453d991e9a032c3f6c33f03f0c33>*



**Support equal access  
to justice.**

---

**Donate today at  
PhilaBarFoundation.org**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bernard G. Heinzen**  
2020, age 90

**Frank J. Baldino**  
Dec. 3, 2020, age 72

**Gregory Nowak**  
April 11, 2021, age 61

**Peter P. Perry**  
April 14, 2021, age 85

**Frank B. Tripodi**  
April 15, 2021, age 49

**Andrew Stern**  
May 29, 2021, age 60

**Paul Minkoff**  
July 20, 2021, age 92

Please send In Memoriam notices to [tplmag@philabar.org](mailto:tplmag@philabar.org).

*Have you considered a contribution to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation in memory of a deceased colleague? For information, call Jessica Hilburn-Holmes, executive director, at 215-238-6347.*

# THE LEGAL DIRECTORY 2021

PHILADELPHIA | MONTGOMERY | DELAWARE | CHESTER | BUCKS

## The official Directory of the Philadelphia Bar Association



This trusted resource has been the #1 choice for attorneys, legal staff and businesses for over a century and is available in three formats: print, online and mobile, to use when you're "on-the-go."

The 2021 Legal Directory has over 17,000 attorney listings and 1,600 law firm listings. It is conveniently indexed so you can effortlessly find what you're looking for in the Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester & Bucks County areas. Each listing is complete with name, full address, phone, fax and email.

Print & online bundle: \$99.95

**ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!**



PHILADELPHIA  
BAR ASSOCIATION

**Call** 877-256-2472

**Visit** [www.lawcatalog.com/ld](http://www.lawcatalog.com/ld)