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Doctoral Research / Study

Integrity of the Game vs Economic (Politics) Impact, The Oklahoma Business Model

Senator Jett,

Leadership has the duty to protect the integrity of the game but it is everyone's responsibility to provide a safe environment and opportunities for kids.

Study: Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact, The Oklahoma Business Plan... Self initiated doctoral study in an effort to find a solution to an unknown problem affecting a culture that seems to be out of control. My doctoral study is not singularly focused on USSSA but also houses a 5 year study on Tri-County Basketball & 5 years study for Lincoln County OK Kids Baseball.

The [United States Sports Specialty Association](#) (**USSSA**) is thriving in Oklahoma. This is due to facilitating a business culture that is unregulated without oversight creating a monopoly locking out national competition within the State of Oklahoma. The structure of **USSSA** is nothing more than a basic network marketing formula. Each level within the association furthers themselves from legal responsibilities while reclaiming their share of the profits. USSSA National Office is located in the State of Florida.

Research: The State of Florida's AG has a current RICO filing vs USSSA and Oklahoma Consumer (parent money) does filter it's way all the way to Florida. Staying within the network marketing formula, each state has a USSSA Director that bought / purchased / advertised the individual ownership of all states, Oklahoma has a state director (resides in *Kansas*) and is a relative of an individual who has been specifically named within the State of Florida's Attorney General's Office RICO case. These state directors solicit USSSA Area Directors (boots on the ground) within their state who operate or lease sports facilities to host baseball / softball leagues and tournaments or part of a nonprofit/not-for-profit umbrella. The area director's within the state of

Oklahoma received **\$11,547,043.00** through USSSA.com 2016-2023. The data is public and with data analysis a youth sports culture can be exposed. This has contributed to illegal business practices of not reporting wages and with embezzlement or questions where did consumer money go. A cash operation has flourished and I believe we no longer run youth sports leagues but rather run a youth sports umpire league that has no reported income.

2016-2023 (USSSA.COM):

\$11,547,043.00 (Public Data) Oklahoma Consumer Money

\$7,738,780.00 Fees Paid To Officials (CASH)

Oklahoma Little League Baseball and Softball: As Vice President and was requested to Moore, OK. As I evaluate their situation and their desires to replace their current youth baseball provider, Moore Youth Baseball Association, I begin to include Moore, OK into my study and question \$750K of documented consumer funds. As I bring my concerns to light with the City of Moore it reinforces change but change never happens. The City of Moore facilitates the existing parties to operate the facility without accountability. Through my ability to obtain financials via the open records act and the history behind a municipality's failures to protect the public, those entrusted to manage taxpayer assets have failed their communities. Moore, OK is not just an isolated incident but this is happening and documented within my study across the State of Oklahoma.

Complex Systemic Culture failing families that has taken me 20 years to finally conclude my doctoral study recognizing how business practices impact opportunity for kids. National research indicates that the culprit behind the lack of recreational sports is Travel Ball. In my professional opinion here in Oklahoma Travel Ball has a shared responsibility in the decline however most municipalities are ignorant in what's taking place within their community or some are complicit and benefit.

Legislature oversight is never wanted but in drastic times measures must be taken. It is my responsibility to bring this to the attention of those who's boundaries or limits reach

beyond local municipalities. My research for answers has extended beyond the State of Oklahoma as mentioned with Florida as well as a Boston's Legislatures discussion on proposing oversight.

Significance of bridging the gap between Oklahoma United States Sports Specialty Association with the State of Florida's RICO case vs USSSA... All of Oklahoma USSSA Official's, Sporting Events, State (College) / Public / Privately Owned Facilities in Oklahoma should be implicated or raise concern. USSSA provides a public platform that displays factual data giving insight creating a baseline that facilitates a theory that can now become... Problem-Solution.

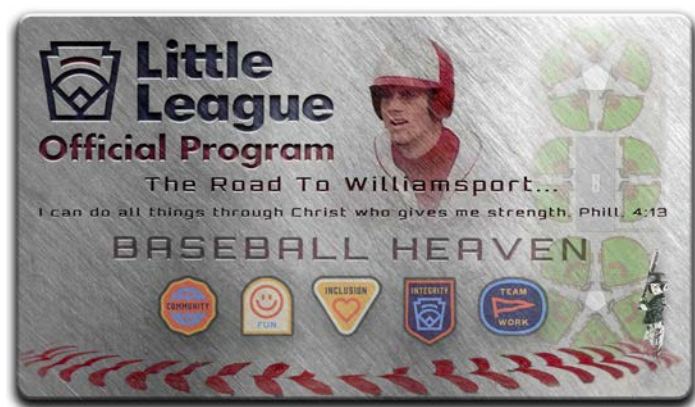
Moore, OK. A covert operation took place via text messaging via umpires / embezzling youth group. It was a coordinated effort to put pressure on the local city manager who gave way to politics vs Integrity and the best interest of his community. He looked the other way and justified keeping the documented embezzlement user group in control of Buck Thomas Park for the 2024 calendar year. Moore, OK has shed tremendous insight and value for the future of Oklahoma Kids!

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Advised via email traffic from the Florida Attorney General's Office to reach out to the Clerk of Court in the Middle District of Florida.

Research: State of Florida AG vs USSSA - Rico
Plaintiff Lead Attorney: Michael Volkov
240-505-1992
Court Document #6...23cv1637
Orlando Florida

I **initiated** contact with Mr. Volkov furthering my research and a better understanding of the current situation. As we discussed my motives it became clear that the plaintiff's perspective is from a corporate perspective knowing that a ripple effect exists and filters to each individual state but without quantifications.

This seems to be a **squabble** between two former United States Specialty Sports Association employees that decided to file a lawsuit with a well educated, experienced, reputable prosecuting attorney with a specialty in Federal RICO cases. As the curtain begins to draw back, it becomes clear that ALL parties do not want this to become public to the point it dismantles USSSA. The CEO, Don D, is threatening to blow the lid and expose everything. As outlined previously this is a network marketing family affair...

I can **foresee** plaintiff's recovering significant sums of money to settle out of court. This got me chasing additional thoughts. I believe Oklahoma money is funneled to the State of Florida's USSSA Corporate Office and could expose everything from a state level or parent level. I believe this is significantly stronger leverage than the current USSSA CEO currently seems to be imposing behind closed doors. Professionally, they are all guilty and corrupt and the Oklahoma Parent Route facilities a winner take all locking out all financial gain for the USSSA Family

It was also **noted** by Michael (Plaintiff Attorney) that USSSA should be held accountable & give back to families. Maybe an Oklahoma Fund could be facilitated like the Tobacco Settlement (**TSAT**). I've documented over \$11M registration fees via usssa.com documenting Oklahoma with very limited access to a larger pool of available USSSA (inactive) Area Directors. Combining all 50 States into a singular pool... We are talking **\$\$\$ Billions \$\$\$** of dollars at Stake for Shareholders in Florida.

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GamePlan: The business evolution of youth sports advances as technology becomes readily available with the ability to encapsulate a market. Consumers (taxpayers) provide a resource (public facilities) relinquishing authority of jurisdiction within their municipality government to manage in good constitute faith. As the business culture advances within Oklahoma, those entrusted to protect the integrity of the game essentially overtime become disenfranchised, trust or pushing responsibilities? This creates a ripple effect that facilitates questionable legal business practices in most of Oklahoma municipalities.

As outlined previously, the City of Moore, Oklahoma's entrusted leadership lacks integrity and has **failed their community**. Instead of exposing the discovery of financial and business concerns and holding those responsible accountable the City of Moore decided to look the other way. **Municipalities lack integrity** and some elected officials raise concerns of **complicity** vs **ignorance** are **incapable** of balancing their public vs business interests decisions.

If a municipality knowingly facilitates a third party (user-group) with exclusive use of a public taxpayer asset (sports facility), could the municipality be held accountable for the failures of the user-group to comply with State and Federal tax regulations and business... contract labor practices?

Oversight is never wanted but has proven necessary as my doctoral research and study has exposed a business culture that has a **stranglehold** on Oklahoma Communities and household wages.

I would propose creating a ***pilot program*** with a budget that gives me that ability to build ***Baseball Heaven*** as a cover but to continue to document and reinforce USSSA **RICO** and the non-USSSA activity in Oklahoma that is significantly larger than the United States Sports Specialty Association (USSSA) data documented within my data research. My study consists of data reflecting USSSA data as this is publicly displayed and cannot be disputed giving credence and validity to my doctoral study, Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact (Politics), The Oklahoma Business Model...

Also keep in mind that while I have an assumption as to why... I have nothing to implicate other than a theory & the actions of others while in Seminole. **COVID** appropriations and those at committee levels. We discussed this some as my public graphics ability & generosity came under SSCEF scrutiny. We have city councilman complicit within my outlined usssa business issues but they reside outside of usssa activity further intractable and under the radar He is also entrusted to protect the integrity of the game but is the key master. His city manager that he appoints... facilitates... again another example of a municipality without integrity and profiting financially & politically, Seminole, OK

I believe ***Bixby, OK*** has some same eyebrow raising questions with their city manager. *As I search for corruption...* I also have significant elevated concerns for Oklahoma Little League and its Tulsa, OK Charter. Upon taking the VP Role in Oklahoma I've been researching the organization I am not directly affiliated with but part of my responsibilities to provide oversight as a state representative. Professionally, the Tulsa International Little League Board lacks integrity and is using Little League as an umbrella front for the aforementioned business practices outlined within the United States Sports Specialty Association.

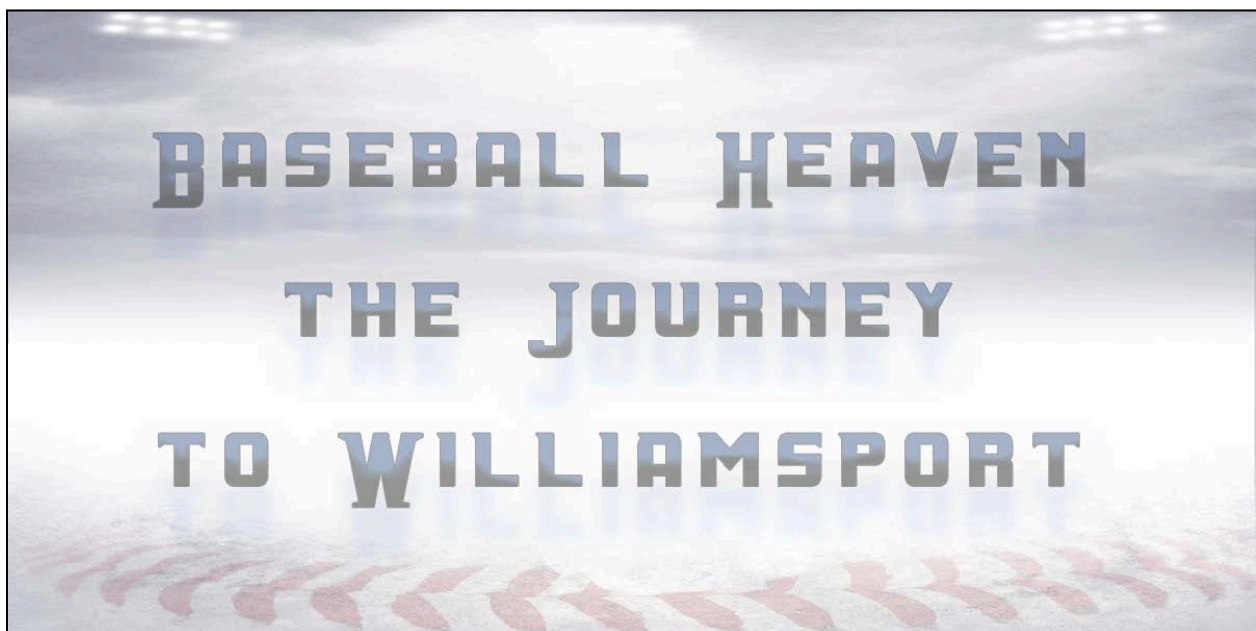
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Senator Jett, your initial early on assumptions lead to fear... You feared Youth Sports could be temporarily shut down long before you had an understanding for the current status of youth sports business culture... **Who Wins? Nobody!** This is not an effort of vindication or about my struggles but rather about future generations of kids, families & communities coming together, **Legacy!** The Oklahoma Youth Sports Business is broken for consumers but stronger than ever for a few... What once operated under a few guidelines in providing local accessible programs staying compliant with the best interest of the community now exploits the outdated few guidelines that do not reflect or provide oversight protection for today's consumers.

If this was about me it would have been public years ago. I believe the Journey is Jesus' plan for me, the skillset that's HIS blessing entrusted in me and not a curse. Maybe your lack of any youth sports knowledge or experience was a blessing and your curtain is opening as you are able to now put pieces together.

Baseball Heaven The Journey To Williamsport



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Shane,

This is my final chapter... I cannot do it anymore... I have a plan but financially it falls on deaf ears. The change can't be facilitated by theory alone. It has to be put in motion but the culture is toxic and investors don't trust the industry. What if peer pressure to compete nationally in a Florida Showcase resulted in a Moore, OK player falling asleep at the wheel within an hour of returning and having a fatal car accident? 2 years ago, it happened. Are these stretches to link these possible scenarios together? How do you qualify or quantify The Ripple Effect? It's also interesting to research the Indeed Job App and the State of Oklahoma has multiple openings for City Managers... Ada, Duncan, Collinsville, Ponca City, Coweta, Broken Arrow and Norman. Those hiring for these positions have little knowledge on the financial benefits of a youth sports focus. Educating those hiring is unwanted as it's a massive abstraction most cannot fathom. Integrity of the Game for Political Gain... A Governor's Red Carpet Gift. Oklahoma should adopt Little League as its State recognized and sponsored youth sports baseball, softball and special needs. Bringing change and a commitment to excellence and consumer protection. Little League is the only organization identified and protected under Congress. So I've been told and it's a bullet statement promoted. As the 2024 Youth Sports Business kicks into high operations the State of Oklahoma could launch their independent investigation. How far up the ladder do I climb to find Integrity... How long do we close our eyes and look the other way. Who will be held accountable for an Oath once uttered... Eventually, we will be held personally accountable and it will be a 1 on 1 conversation. Whom will he be pleased with?

I love Nick Sabin's Coaching analogy of getting the right people on and off the bus.