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### **CHASENBOSCOLO WINS LANDMARK CASE REPRESENTING FORMER NHL HOCKEY PLAYER, JAMIE HUSCROFT – RULING PAVES WAY FOR OTHER INJURED PRO ATHLETES IN D.C.**

*District of Columbia Court of Appeals Sides with Injured Minor League Professional Athletes Under Contract with a Major League Club – Can Make Claims Under the District's Workers' Compensation Act*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. — (August 2, 2010)** — The District of Columbia Court of Appeals upheld an award of District of Columbia workers' compensation benefits to a former minor league player in the Washington Capitals' hockey organization, Jamie Huscroft (No. 08-AA-1476). The outcome of the case enables minor league professional athletes under two-way contracts to seek workers' compensation benefits from the parent club.

Huscroft played for the Portland Pirates, the Capitals' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate from Portland, Maine. During an AHL game in Quebec, Canada on October 13, 2000, he sustained head injuries which brought an end to his hockey playing career. Huscroft filed for workers' compensation benefits in the District of Columbia alleging that the principal service for which he was retained by the Capitals was to play in the National Hockey League. Washington-area law firm, ChasenBoscolo, represented Huscroft and argued that the time he spent in Portland was ancillary and preparatory to the principal service he was hired to perform. Additionally, the firm maintained that Huscroft's affiliation agreement gave the Capitals control over every aspect of his employment in Portland.

"This is an important case for professional athletes who work for organizations that call the District of Columbia home," says Benjamin Boscolo, partner at ChasenBoscolo Injury Lawyers. "This case enables minor league professional athletes under contract with a major league club to file claims against their parent clubs when in the best interest to do so."

The Huscroft case reinforces ChasenBoscolo's experience in the area of sports law and high-profile workers' compensation litigation. Boscolo, lead attorney in the Huscroft proceeding in collaboration with his colleague, Gerry Herz, recently co-wrote a chapter in a textbook on the law of professional sports. The textbook titled, "The Law of Professional and Amateur Sports," focuses heavily on pro athletes and the law of workers' compensation.

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### **About ChasenBoscolo Injury Lawyers**

With more than 120 years of combined experience in personal injury law, ChasenBoscolo has the experience needed to provide quality legal services to members of the community. The firm consists of 18 personal injury lawyers and 65 support staff members who are dedicated to helping every client get the money they deserve in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

ChasenBoscolo concentrates on auto accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, District of Columbia negligence claims, maritime injuries, social security disability, athletic injuries, pedestrian accidents, and pharmaceutical/drug recalls. The firm also handles personal injury cases involving spinal/disc injuries, broken bones, disfigurement, wrongful death, defective machinery/products, construction accidents, and slip and fall accidents among other personal injury cases.

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