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House Bill 2001

June 20, 2024

- Expanded the STAR Bonds program to be used for the recruitment of one or two major professional sports teams.
- It required these projects to have a minimum capital investment of $1 billion and allowed for project financing up to 70% of the total costs.
- The professional sports team STAR Bond agreements must also be approved by the LCC.



House Bill 2466

K.S.A. 38-2301 et seq. | April 9, 2026

- Creates the Kansas Sports Facilities Authority.
- KSFA will own, manage and oversee the new state-of-the-art domed stadium, ensuring it operates efficiently and becomes a premier NFL stadium while hosting world-class events for the people of Kansas to enjoy.
- KSFA serves as the watchdog for Kansas taxpayers – built to protect the public interest and ensure the accountability, transparency, and financial discipline required for a project of this magnitude.













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Legal Counsel Purpose

Legal Counsel helps the authority operate legally, protect public and organizational funds, manage contracts and make decisions that comply with applicable laws and governing rules.

1. Represent KSFA's interest
2. Protect the organization and reduce risks
3. Review contracts and advise with major decisions
4. Handle regulatory matters and ensure compliance
5. Protect public money and property

Legal Counsel Recommendation



Irwin P. Raij

Irwin co-chairs Sidley's Entertainment, Sports and Media industry group at Sidley Austin, LLP. Irwin focuses his practice on the business of sports.

- Represented the State of New York/Empire State Development as lead counsel in its high-profile public-private partnership with the NFL's Buffalo Bills to build a new US$1.54 billion state-of-the-art, 60,000-plus-seat stadium in Orchard Park, NY.
- Representing the City of Jacksonville in its negotiations with the Jacksonville Jaguars on stadium and ancillary development matters.
- Represented the NFL Washington Commanders in connection with matters related to development of a new stadium and ancillary development, including relevant negotiations, financing, and leases.
- Represented Kansas City Current in its development of a new US$15 million training facility in Riverside, Missouri.
- Represented NFL Carolina Panthers and owner David Tepper in the development of a state-of-the-art training center, headquarters, and mixed-use development in South Carolina.
- Represented the City of Miami in its successful negotiations with new MLS franchise Inter Miami CF to build a 25,000-seat soccer stadium and ancillary development.











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What is an Owners Rep and why does KSFA need one?

Owner's Representation Definition: Independent professional hired to be the project owner's protector and advocate throughout construction

1. Represent KSFA's interest
2. Eyes and ears on both projects
3. Confirm the projects meet expectations, budget and schedule
4. Coordinate stakeholders, including State and Local agencies
5. Maximize the State's investment

Recommendation – BRAILSFORD & DUNLAVEY

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