



Ankin Law Office LLC

Protecting the Rights of Injured Workers

162 W Grand Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60654, United States
Tel: 312-346-8780 or 800-442-6546
Fax: 312-346-8781
Email: howard@ankinlaw.com
Website: www.ankinlaw.com
Blog: www.thechicago-injury-lawyer.com

NFL Players Prevail in Workers' Comp Dispute



It's safe to say that being a professional football player in the National Football League isn't exactly an injury-free way to make a living. And, a serious injury can quickly put an end to what was once a very profitable career. It's understandable then, that being justly compensated for on-the-job injuries is an issue of importance for NFL players.

Not surprisingly, there have been disagreements over the years between the NFL and the players regarding workers's compensation issues. One point of contention has been whether players are obligated to reimburse the teams for workers' compensation benefits received.

Last week, U.S. District Court Judge, Paul A. Crotty, resolved this long standing issue, as explained in this [blog post](#) from AdvisorOne:

Judge Paul A. Crotty ruled that teams could only collect an offset, or reimbursement, based on a formula that calculated the time period during which players received salary and workers' compensation benefits concurrently. Teams had been pushing to collect dollar-for-dollar reimbursements—the entire sum of comp benefits provided to a player, but the judge wasn't having any of it.

The decision was based on the judge's interpretation of paragraph of the NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement that had for decades been a issue that was hotly disputed by teams and their injured players.

This decision is a favorable one for the players and is well deserved, given the dangers inherent to their career choice. The judge's ruling correctly removes the burden of paying for all of the [workers' compensation benefits](#) from the shoulders of the players and places it where it rightly belongs: on the teams that employ and profit from the players' performance on the job.

Howard Ankin of Ankin Law Office LLC (www.ankinlaw.com) handles [workers' compensation](#) and [personal injury cases](#). Mr. Ankin can be reached at (312) 346-8780 and howard@ankinlaw.com.

Related articles

[Judge limits funds NFL can recover in workers comp cases](#) (cbssports.com)

ANKIN LAW OFFICE LLC

[Chicago Workers Compensation](#) | [Chicago Personal Injury](#) | [Chicago Motor Vehicle Accidents](#)
[Chicago Wrongful Death](#) | [Chicago Social Security Disability](#) | [Chicago Class Action Lawsuits](#)



Ankin Law Office LLC

Protecting the Rights of Injured Workers

162 W Grand Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60654, United States

Tel: 312-346-8780 or 800-442-6546

Fax: 312-346-8781

Email: howard@ankinlaw.com

Website: www.ankinlaw.com

Blog: www.thechicago-injury-lawyer.com

[Judge hears NFL players' injunction request but makes no ruling](#) (reuters.com)

[Players, NFL owners to discuss mediation in conference call](#) (aol.sportingnews.com)

[NFL, players willing to talk, but can't agree where](#) (football.rawsignal.com)

[5 more fresh articles...](#)

By [Admin - BN](#)
April 8, 2011

ANKIN LAW OFFICE LLC

[Chicago Workers Compensation](#) | [Chicago Personal Injury](#) | [Chicago Motor Vehicle Accidents](#)
[Chicago Wrongful Death](#) | [Chicago Social Security Disability](#) | [Chicago Class Action Lawsuits](#)