

## **Leading Anti-Doping Prosecutor Joins Doping Inquiry**

Richard Young, who played a central role in the cases of Lance Armstrong and Marion Jones, has joined the investigation of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) into the use of banned substances in the National Rugby League and the Australian Football League.

Young, the Colorado-based sports lawyer and a leading anti-doping prosecutor, was enlisted by ASADA to help the doping watchdog on an ongoing basis as it prepares to enter the fifth month of its investigation. An ASADA spokesperson said the agency confirms that it has engaged Richard Young to assist in its investigation. The lawyer, known for his pursuit in sealing the downfall of Lance Armstrong, was enlisted to help ASADA move its own investigation towards a successful conclusion.

The expertise of Richard Young in the anti-doping field is unmatched as he is the principal draftsman of the World Anti-Doping Code and has unrivaled reputation as an investigator and trial lawyer in cases involving performance enhancing drugs. Young was the senior prosecutor in the BALCO episode that led to American sprinter Jones being stripped of her Olympic medals besides being the lawyer of USADA in the 2007 case against disgraced Tour de France winner Floyd Landis and was even the lead outside lawyer of USADA on the [Armstrong doping case](#). Young was instrumental in dealing closely with witnesses (in the Armstrong case) who were initially unwilling to come forward and was central as several top riders lifted the lid on the practices employed by the seven-time Tour de France champion and teammates.

Young is past Co-Chair of Holme Roberts & Owen's Litigation Practice Group and has been the managing partner of the Colorado Springs office and is the managing partner at the firm Brian Cave LLP of the Colorado Springs office for 20 years. Young has been nationally-recognized as a "Leader in His Field" for Sports Law: Athletic Disputes, by Chambers USA 2011, and as a member of the Law Dragon Top 500 Lawyers in the country. In Colorado, he has been awarded Colorado Law Week's Lawyer of the Year (with his Landis trial team), Best Sports Lawyer, and is rated by Super Lawyers as a Colorado Super Lawyer. He has handled high profile cases for the World Anti-Doping Agency, the United States Anti-Doping Agency, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, the [United States Olympic Committee](#), USA Swimming, the International Weightlifting Federation, and other Olympic National Governing Bodies and International Federations.

After a legal wrangle over the level of co-operation provided by the first Sharks player who was interviewed, Wade Graham, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority quickly cancelled its interviews with the NRL club in its sights and Young is believed to work from Colorado Springs on the ASADA case though the anti-doping agency didn't rule out him being flown here in the future. The lawyer is no stranger to cases of performance enhancing drugs in Australia; his services were sought in 2006 by ASADA to front the investigation into Australian weightlifting that led to several lifters and coaches being suspended.