

Alex Rodriguez Sues MLB

Alex Rodriguez has sued Major League Baseball accusing the league of allegedly buying the testimony of an important witness in the doping case built against him. The filing was made by the New York Yankees star in the New York State Supreme Court.

The filing made by Alex Rodriguez claimed that Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and others in the organization are making attempts to improperly marshal evidence that they hope to use to destroy the reputation and career of Alex Rodriguez. The baseball star claimed MLB paid \$150,000 for records from the clinic and is paying Anthony Bosch, who ran the now-defunct Miami anti-aging clinic accused of selling banned performance enhancing drugs to many baseball stars, \$5 million for his information against Rodriguez

The 38-year-old third baseman was recently banned for 211 games by the MLB for his involvement in the Biogenesis doping scandal. MLB commissioner Selig said A-Rod tried to impede the investigation in which 13 baseball stars including 2011 National League Most Valuable Player [Ryan Braun](#) were suspended for at least 50 games.

Rodriguez, with 654 home runs to his credit, appealed against the ban and was able to take part in the final weeks of the season. A decision on his case is believed to happen before the start of 2014 pre-season workouts. The Yankees' star didn't mention his team in the lawsuit that seeks damages that would be determined at trial. A-Rod, in his lawsuit, remarked the MLB commissioner wants to make him an example to gloss over the past inaction and tacit approval by Selig of the use of performance enhancing substances in baseball in an attempt to secure his legacy as the 'savior' of America's pastime.

Rodriguez also said Selig turned a blind eye to [doping in baseball](#) to help it recover from a labor dispute that wiped out the 1994 World Series and reversed course only US lawmakers put pressure in 2006. The star baseman also remarked MLB has league damaging information about Rodriguez to the media, which is a violation of confidentiality agreement and that investigators have bribed and intimidated witnesses and even impersonated police officers.

In response to the lawsuit by Alex Rodriguez, MLB issued a statement claiming Rodriguez has violated confidentiality agreements as well as doping rules. The statement reads that this lawsuit is a clear violation of the confidentiality provisions of our drug program and it is nothing more than a desperate attempt to circumvent the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The statement also said that while we vehemently deny the allegations in the complaint, none of those allegations is

relevant to the real issue: whether Rodriguez violated the [Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program](#) by using and possessing numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone over the course of multiple years and whether he violated the basic agreement by attempting to cover-up his violations of the program by engaging in a course of conduct intended to obstruct and frustrate the Office of the Commissioner's investigation.