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FORMER NEW YORK REGULATOR SPEAKS TO RTIP STUDENTS IN TWO CLASSES



Tucson, AZ — Bennett Liebman, an attorney, former regulator and instructor at the Albany Law School, traveled to Tucson to speak to students in the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program about his different experiences in the racing industry. Liebman addressed the Advanced Racing Laws and Enforcement class as well as the Joe Hirsch Speaker Series.

In the Hirsch Speaker Series, Liebman gave a detailed history of pari-mutuel wagering in New York. He said that the peak of racing's popularity in the state was 1964 and pointed to reasons that the plateau was never reached again. He presented different trends and analyzed what he has seen occurring in New York's handle,

number of race days, attendance, and other metrics.

Liebman used his expertise to go over the history of racing law in New York for the Advanced Racing Laws and Enforcement class. He started in 1665 when racing first appeared on Long Island. He spoke in chronological order, highlighting various years and why they were significant in law and history. He talked about significant events such as the reason for the formation of NYRA in 1955 and issues that have occurred during the franchise. His presentation included interesting cases from his time as a Commissioner on the New York State Racing and Wagering Board.

The discussions helped students see how racing and regulation has changed and adapted over the years.

ABOUT THE RACE TRACK INDUSTRY PROGRAM:

[The University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program](#) offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming, held every December since 1974 in Tucson, Arizona.

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