Leone Equestrian Law LLC

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Tip of the Month

Have separate and labelled feed buckets for competition horses at shows to help ensure that you avoid unneccessary doping charges.

Whatever you do, don't mix feed buckets at horse shows, especially in U.S. National competitions where certain nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are allowed if used alone. Don't take the chance of residue of one NSAID in a feed bucket for one horse contaminating another horse maintained on a different one, if the buckets are used interchangeably. It is good practice to have a dedicated feed bucket for each horse to eliminate the possibility of cross-contamination. If nothing else, having and using a separate feed bucket for each horse shows that one is trying to avoid possible cross-contamination.

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When to Call an Equine Lawyer

Armand Leone is an attorney by trade and no stranger to the court room, but when he leased a horse in 2012 that became injured, he was involved in a lengthy and expensive arbitration for which he hired a lawyer. After giving endless "horses 101" lessons to his counsel before any progress could be made on his case, Leone realized there was an opportunity for him to help his fellow horsemen. As a result, Leone Equestrian Law was born in 2014.

Leone operates his business on a simple principle: horses are unique. According to him, the way horses are bought, sold, and leased is a process unlike any other seen in contemporary society.

Leone Equestrian Law was founded after Armand Leone dealt with his own equine litigation and recognized the need for lawyers that understand the equine industry. Now he shares here when it may be time for you to get an equine lawyer involved!

"Paying to educate an attorney about the horse business is not a cost effective way to resolve legal matters," he says.

While the scenarios are endless, Leone has encountered common legal matters that affect people within the equine industry. The bad news: problems ranging from unpaid client bills to lease agreements gone wrong are common within professional circles of the horse world. The good news: you don't have to go it alone; there is help out there.

Click to read which three scenarios are the most prevalent indicators that it may be time to call on an equine lawyer!

In the Press

BETWEEN ROUNDS WITH:

ARMAND LEONE

USEF Widens Responsibility For Horse Doping Offenses

Anyone connected with a horse can now be held responsible for prohibited substances—but the USEF process could still go further.

PHOTO BY CHARLES MANN FOR ARNO BRONKHORST

Earlier this winter, the U.S. Equestrian Federation Hearing Panel suspended both a trainer and a rider for use of prohibited substances - expanding the responsibility for drug offenses beyond just the person signing as the trainer on the entry blank.

Armand Leone weighed in on the USEF's 'widening responsibility for horse doping offenses' in a special "Between the Rounds" in this issue of the *Chronicle of the Horse*. ***Click to read the full article***!

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