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“Public awareness of the long-term effect of head injuries sustained in competitive sports … has increased significantly in the past decade,” writes Angeline N. Ioannou, a partner in Goldberg Segalla’s Professional Liability and Health Care Practice Groups. “The highly publicized National Football League (NFL) federal court litigation has transitioned from the sports section to page-one treatment in multiple news media and as a source of widespread commentary.”

In this article, Angie goes deep behind the headlines to examine a number of lesser-known historic events in which physicians and specialists focused upon brain injury both within and outside the context of modern athletics. These developments — such as Harrison Martland’s 1928 study of boxers that introduced the term “punch drunk,” A.H.S. Holbourn’s 1943 study of the mechanics of brain trauma, and Bennet Omalu’s identification of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) — provide insight and context to the still-evolving medico-legal issues contested each day in state and federal courts.

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