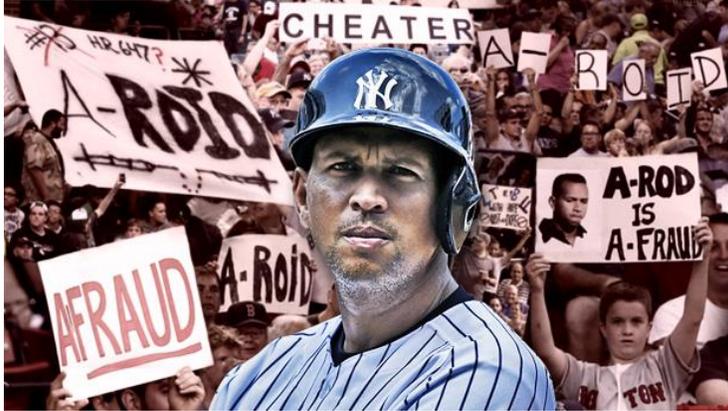


Alex Rodriguez Sues Major League Baseball

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New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez filed a lawsuit against Major League Baseball on Friday alleging that the league has engaged in "tortious and egregious conduct" in an attempt to destroy his reputation and career.



The suit comes amid arbitration hearings in which Rodriguez is challenging the 211-game suspension handed down by MLB in August for his alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs. In the suit, Rodriguez alleges that MLB and its commissioner, Bud Selig, have acted "with one, and only one, goal: to improperly marshal evidence" against him using powers outside the collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players' union. The suit goes on to allege that Rodriguez

is being singled out "to gloss over Commissioner Selig's past inaction and tacit approval" of PED use and "to secure his legacy as the 'savior' of America's pastime." In a statement, MLB called the lawsuit "nothing more than a desperate attempt to circumvent the Collective Bargaining Agreement."

The league said: "While we vehemently deny the allegations in the complaint, none of those allegations is relevant to the real issue: whether Mr. 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." The lawsuit is separate from Rodriguez's appeal, for which hearings began at MLB headquarters in New York on Monday and continued throughout the week. Once those hearings conclude, an independent arbitrator will decide whether to uphold, reduce or throw out the suspension. Rodriguez has declined to confirm or deny MLB's allegations.

The complaint, which was filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, makes a broad range of accusations related to MLB's tactics in its months-long investigation of Rodriguez, calling it "vigilante justice." It seeks "compensatory and punitive damages" from MLB. A key witness for MLB in the arbitration hearings is Anthony Bosch, who operated Biogenesis, the now-defunct Florida anti-aging clinic that allegedly distributed banned drugs to athletes. Twelve other players linked to the clinic, including Milwaukee Brewers slugger Ryan Braun, the 2011 National League MVP, accepted suspensions of shorter lengths. Bosch has not commented publicly on the allegations.

In the complaint, Rodriguez alleges that MLB is paying Bosch \$5 million "in order to buy his cooperation." Bosch's spokeswoman, Joyce Fitzpatrick, denied that claim Friday, saying, "He has not been paid nor will he be paid by MLB for his testimony." The lawsuit also alleges MLB investigators purchased stolen documents related to the case from one of Bosch's former associates for \$150,000 in cash, "which was handed off in a bag at a Fort Lauderdale, Florida area restaurant."

According to Rodriguez's camp, they have also filed suit in State Supreme Court against Yankees team doctor Christopher Ahmad and New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, alleging that Ahmad misdiagnosed Rodriguez's hip injury in the fall of 2012. At the time, Rodriguez complained of weakness in his hips. According to the Yankees he was examined by Ahmad, who first looked at Rodriguez's right hip, which had been surgically repaired in 2009, and found no problems in the repaired area. The suit alleges that at the time, Ahmad failed to inform Rodriguez about a new tear in his left hip, and the third baseman subsequently played in the 2012 playoffs.

The tear in his left hip required surgery this winter. Rodriguez missed the first half of the 2013 season. The hospital did not respond to a request for comment Friday night.

1. In appropriate paragraph form, compare and contrast the pros and cons synonymous with an active employee pursuing legal charges against his present employer. Provided the preliminary evidence outlined in the article above, do you believe Alex Rodriguez is likely to achieve success with his lawsuit? Thoroughly explain your reasoning and provide specific artifacts and evidence not limited solely to article above to support your response. Create and illustrate a Venn Diagram

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- to effectively explore relationships and patterns and to make arguments about relationships between sets. **(LA.910.3.2.2; LA.910.1.6.2; MA.912.D.7.2; MA.912.A.10.1)**
- Effectively employ the process referred to as unit or dimensional analysis and write out the appropriate conversion factors necessary to determine the amount of money Alex Rodriguez receives per at bat, assuming he participates in 92 percent of the 162-game season and has four plate appearances per game. **(MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.1.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.1.5)**
 - In 1930, the average annual income was approximately \$1970 whereas according to information obtained from the United States Census suggests the median household income is presently \$50,500. New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez earns approximately 67 times the major league baseball minimum annual salary of \$480,000. Write a function rule to describe this relationship. Evaluate your function for an input value and explain what the output represents. What advantages can you see of having a function rule instead of a table of values for a function? **(MA.912.A.1.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.2.3)**
 - On March 8, 1930 – Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract valued at \$160,000. In an effort to assure posterity, Yankees General Manager Ed Barrow said, "No one in baseball will ever be paid more than Ruth." Alex Rodriguez earned \$32 million in 2009 as part of a ten-year \$275 million deal. Proportionately, how much more did Rodriguez earn annually than Ruth? **(MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.5.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.5.1)**
 - Peter Edward Rose was actively employed in Major League Baseball as a player from 1963 – 1986 and a manager from 1984 – 1989. He is the all-time leader in hits yet he was suspended indefinitely from baseball for gambling which commissioner Bud Selig has since upheld. During his prime in the seventies, he was a member of an elite squad known as The Big Red Machine. During a routine practice drill, Johnny Bench was strategically positioned 60 ft to the east while Joe Morgan was 180 ft southeast. Meanwhile, 300 ft to the north, Tony Perez was 180 ft to the west and Pete Rose was 60 ft to the northwest. The angle formed between the paths of Bench and Morgan is congruent to the angle formed by the paths of Perez and Rose. If Bench and Morgan are now 156 ft apart, how far apart are Perez and Rose? Illustrate the diagram. Classify the triangle formed by its sides, measure the angles formed, and classify the triangle by its angles. Thoroughly explain your reasoning via the applicable Congruence Postulate or Theorem. **(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.4.1; MA.912.G.4.3; MA.912.G.4.4; MA.912.G.4.6)**
 - On May 22, 1963 – Yankee slugger Mickey Mantle hit a prodigious home run, which allegedly struck the stadium roof at 102 ft high, 363 ft from home plate or 1 ft vertically for every 3.56 ft horizontally. Make a table showing the height of the ball at every 73 ft it moves horizontally. Write a fraction that represents the height for each foot it moves horizontally. Graph the results. What does the numerator represent? Explain your reasoning. **(MA.912.G.8.2; MA.912.G.8.3)**
 - Provided the information illustrated on a coordinate graph from question six, identify scalene, isosceles, and equilateral triangles and classify each by angle. Create three congruent triangles utilizing the Third Angles or Hypotenuse-Leg Congruence Theorems, Side-Side-Side and Side-Angle-Side Congruence Postulates to support your reasoning. **(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.4.1; MA.912.G.4.3; MA.912.G.4.4; MA.912.G.4.6)**
 - Identify and thoroughly support your reasoning regarding which of the following that best describes the author's attitude toward the previously filed lawsuit via Alex Rodriguez: flippant disregard, mild frustration, passive resignation or an informed citizen. Explain the intended purpose of this article and identify any indicators, artifacts, and/or supporting evidence, which suggest the author may possess a bias for or against the legal proceedings. What is the central idea and what conclusion might one obtain? Provide an inference any professional athlete actively contemplating the illegal use of performance-enhancing drugs may derive from this material. The point of view employed is best described as first person, second person, third person, or a combination of first and third person. In what regard might the information in this article be referenced for an independent student research project analyzing the impact of performance-enhancing drugs upon professional baseball. **(RI.9-10.1 – 10.6)**
 - Using contextual clues only, determine the most complete and accurate definitions of following italicized terms: *defunct*, *vehemently*, *alleges*, *subsequently*, *tortious*, *egregious*, *vigilante*, *compensatory*, *punitive*, *circumvent*, *arbitration*, and *tacit* as obtained from the passage above. Additionally, use each word in a complete sentence to demonstrate further comprehension. **(LA.910.1.6.3; LA.910.1.6.1)**
 - SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY WORD-OF-THE-WEEK** Create a concluding paragraph aligned with the passage above using the following italicized word: *Scrutinize* v. To look over very carefully. To examine closely. **(LA.910.1.6.1; LA.910.1.6.5)**

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