



## The *Arizona State Sports & Entertainment Law Journal* Presents:

### *A Live Panel Discussion with the Creators of Sometimes it Rains: The Story of Willie Mays Aikens and Mandatory Minimum Sentencing*

Thursday March 18, 2021 12:15pm PST/ 3:15pm EST  
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Hosted by Brandon Drea and Featuring:



***Willie Mays Aikens***

**Former Major League Baseball player with California Angels, Kansas City Royals and Toronto Blue Jays.**

Willie had established himself as one of the top sluggers in the game before drugs derailed his career. In 1994, Aikens was sentenced to 20 years in prison on four counts of crack cocaine distribution and one count of use of a firearm during drug trafficking. He was released on June 4, 2008, after changes in federal drug laws, and is now a hitting instructor for the Kansas City Royals. He is sometimes cited as an example of the results of mandatory minimum sentencing in drug-related crimes.



***Mat Hostetler***

**Creator/Writer/Host *Sometimes it Rains***

Mat is a New York-based actor, producer and writer, having appeared in dozens of movies and television shows and performed in numerous stage productions in New York and across the country. Mat is originally from Kansas, is a proud Jayhawk and a lifelong fan of the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs.



***Doug Passon***

**Criminal Defense Attorney**

Doug has been practicing criminal defense for nearly twenty-five years. He is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker who combines his passion for filmmaking and storytelling with his practice of law by producing short documentaries for use as mitigation at sentencing. He is the nationally recognized expert in the field of video sentencing advocacy, his work having been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *The Atlantic* & *Le Monde (France)*. He routinely speaks, teaches and writes on this and other topics.



Sometimes it Rains is a podcast series that examines the intersection between sports and social justice, told one story, one season at a time.

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