

Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

USFL v. NFL

Judge Peter K. Leisure

The struggling U.S. Football League alleged violations of sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act and sought relief including \$1.7 billion in damages from the NFL. The jury trial before Judge Leisure lasted more than 40 days; featured testimony from Donald Trump, all three major television networks and the parties; and resulted in 17 published opinions and a jury verdict, later affirmed, against the NFL. The USFL was awarded only \$1 in damages, plus legal fees.

704 F. Supp. 474 (S.D.N.Y), aff'd,
887 F.2d 408 (2d Cir. 1989)



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