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JEFFREY B. GEWIRTZ is the Executive Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Legal Officer of BSE Global (BSE), a role he also held from 2010 through 2020. In 2021 he served as BSE's Chief Operating Officer, where he led the efforts around re-opening Barclays Center in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and had general oversight for arena operations and its health and safety protocols. Jeff joined BSE in May 2007 as Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

Jeff was a key member of the negotiating team for BSE's most significant commercial initiatives over the past several years, such as: the 2012 relocation of the New Jersey Nets to Brooklyn; development of the $1 billion Barclays Center; the 2015 relocation of the New York Islanders to Barclays Center and oversight of all legal affairs for the Islanders' business operations through 2019; team and arena ownership transfer transactions in 2010, 2016, 2018, and 2019; re-development of NYCB LIVE, home of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum; development of the Brooklyn Nets' state-of-the-art practice facility, the HSS Training Center; acquisition of the Webster Hall business; and the Brooklyn Nets' media rights alliance with YES Network.

Jeff was named to the 2019 United States GC Powerlist by The Legal 500 and in 2015 his legal department was named one of the top 50 in-house legal departments in the United States by The Legal 500. In addition, Jeff was named 2014 Sports Counsel of the Year by the Association of Media & Entertainment Counsel, and in 2009 he was selected to the prestigious "Forty Under 40" by Sports Business Journal as one of the 40 top sports executives under the age of 40 in the United States.

Jeff is a Board of Directors emeritus member of the Sports Lawyers Association and he is a past Sports Committee Chair of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries. In 2017 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of Access Justice Brooklyn and in 2018 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Women's Sports Foundation. Jeff also previously served as pro bono General Counsel to the Eastern Section of the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

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