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**FAME Center for Fashion, Art,
Media & Entertainment Law**

The FAME Center Invites You To:

**50 Years of Title IX: The Pivot to Justice in
Women's Gymnastics**

**Monday, January 30
Via Zoom at 6 p.m.**

[The FAME Center](#) is commemorating last year's 50th anniversary of Title IX with a panel on US Women's Gymnastics and the case against Larry Nassar and USA Gymnastics.

Panelists:

Jessica Armstrong, lawyer and advocate

Mary Pilon, journalist

Jill Yesko, former cyclist and documentarian

Jessica Armstrong is a mother, a lawyer, an activist, and a former elite gymnast. Armstrong practices law for St. Luke's University Health Network, a non-profit healthcare corporation in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. As a survivor of sexual abuse by her gymnastics coach, Armstrong advocates for change and education in elite sports. She is a proud member of Team Integrity – the Committee to Restore Integrity to the USOC, and has worked on legislative initiatives, including the passing of Senate Bill 534 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017. Jessica acts

as an advocate for athletes pursuing claims with SafeSport and with athletic governing bodies, such as USA Gymnastics.

Mary Pilon is a journalist focused primarily on the worlds of sports and business. She is the author of the bestselling books [“The Monopolists”](#) and [“The Kevin Show,”](#) the co-editor of [“Losers: Dispatches From the Other Side of the Scoreboard,”](#) and co-host and co-author of the audio series [“Twisted: The Story of Larry Nassar and the Women Who Brought Him Down.”](#) Her work regularly appears in the *New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, *Vice* and *The New York Times*, among other publications. Pilon has worked as a producer with NBC at the 2016 Rio Olympics and is currently in post-production on a feature documentary for HBO about the Bishop Sycamore High School football scandal and is co-directing a documentary about pickleball. She co-wrote Olympian Kara Goucher's forthcoming memoir for Simon & Schuster, [“The Longest Race”](#) (March 2023). Pilon previously was a staff reporter with *The Times* on the sports desk and at *The Wall Street Journal*, where she covered various aspects of business and finance.

Jill Yesko is a former cyclist who represented the United States in the 1983 World University Games and competed in the Olympic Trials. Her acclaimed documentaries include [Tainted Blood: The Untold Story of the 1984 Olympic Blood Doping Scandal](#) and [Broken Trust: Athlete Abuse Exposed](#). Her current project is [Uphill Climb: The Women Who Conquered the Impossible Race](#). Jill is the host of the sports podcast [“The Bounce”](#) on NPR.