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Dear NFL Legend:

The Ravens, Browns and Saints are the first teams to open their training camps for rookies tomorrow, so the 2015 season – our 50th Super Bowl season – officially is ready to begin.

Many of us in the League Office will be traveling soon to Canton for the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend. The 2015 class includes NFL Legends **Jerome Bettis**, **Tim Brown**, **Charles Haley**, **Will Shields**, **Mick Tingelhoff** and the late **Junior Seau**.

The first preseason game between the Steelers and Vikings will be played in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton on Sunday night, August 9.

Speaking of Canton...

- Your NFL Player Care Foundation has scheduled prostate, cardio and other health screenings on Friday-Saturday, August 7-8 in Canton exclusively for you. If you are within driving distance, we encourage you to ride over to Canton and undergo these screenings and then visit the Hall. More than 500 of your fellow Legends took the tests last year across the country. Medical conditions ranging from elevated PSA results to obstructive sleep apnea and a variety of cardiovascular conditions requiring immediate intervention were uncovered.
- During Hall of Fame Weekend, there will be a Legends Reception open in the McKinley Grand Hotel from 12 Noon to 3 PM on Saturday, August 8 which will give you an opportunity to socialize with some of the returning Hall of Famers and other former teammates/opponents. If you have not already done so, we again encourage you to join 3,000 of your colleagues who have joined the free Legends Community.
- Also, for those of you who know that Steven Tyler is a rocker and not a Raider, our office has a limited supply of free tickets available for you to experience the Aerosmith concert (featuring the same Steven Tyler) on Friday night, August 7 in the stadium on the Hall of Fame campus.

Finally, a serious reminder that **1-800-NFL-GOAL** is the fastest way for you to have your NFL benefits questions answered. That number will put you (or your spouse) in touch with a representative who can easily check your benefits history to see if you are taking advantage of

everything that you have earned and is available to you. That **1-800-NFL-GOAL** number also should be used if you or one of your former teammates is in need of short-term assistance from the Player Care Foundation for a financial emergency.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. We kick off our regular season in Foxborough in 50 days on September 10.

Let us know how any one of us can service you here in the League Office.

Regards,

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WHERE ARE LEGENDS NOW?



The NFL player list of state supreme court justices will be reduced next month when Judge **Alan Page** reaches the mandatory age of 70 and he leaves the Minnesota bench after 22 distinguished years.

However, Judge **Robert R. Thomas** (you may remember him better as Bears kicker **Bob Thomas**) continues as a well-respected justice on the Illinois State Supreme Court.

Judge Thomas enjoyed a successful 12-year (and four-team) NFL career from 1975-86. While with the Bears, he practiced during the day and attended law school at night.

He transitioned from player, to lawyer, to circuit court judge in 1988 and has been serving in one court or another for nearly 30 years. The Notre Dame grad (don't hold it against him!) was sworn in as State Supreme Court Justice in 2000.

"I think it has helped in my current position that I was an athlete because I had my moment in the sun," Thomas says. "I think it allowed for more humility and added to my demeanor. I probably will be remembered more for what I did on the field than in the courtroom. However, every day I remind myself that there are faces behind the cases I now hear and these cases mean everything to those individuals."

Finally, Judge Thomas understands that players sometimes have a hard time adjusting after leaving the NFL, but he leaves an optimistic reminder.

"I think athletes already have a head start because we are used to hard work and achieving excellence. All of us can use these same traits of perseverance and hard work in whatever profession we get into after playing."

Thousands of you former players are doing just that and succeeding in your current jobs. Don't listen to the outside critics who say life ends when you leave the NFL locker room.

Below are 20 more members of the NFL Legends Community who now have meaningful careers.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS IN NFL	CURRENT CAREER POSITION (LOCATION)
WR David Anderson	Texans, Redskins	2006-11	Director of Business Development-Product Development, Second Spectrum Inc. (CA)
G Glenn Bujnoch	Bengals, Buccaneers	1976-1984	President, Pudgie's Famous Chicken (OH)
S Deron Cherry	Chiefs	1981-1991	President, United Beverage Company (MO)
RB Warrick Dunn	Buccaneers, Falcons	1997-2008	Limited Partner & Member of Board of Trustees, Atlanta Falcons (GA)
RB Curtis Enis	Bears	1998-2000	Operations Supervisor, Anheuser Busch (OH)
T Daren Gilbert	Saints	1985-88	Teacher, Etiwanda High School (CA)
DE Tim Green	Falcons	1986-1993	Attorney, BarclayDamon LLC; Book Author (NY)
LB Willie Harper	49ers	1973-1983	Senior Pastor, Jesus Christ For All Nations Church (CA)
LB Hunter Hillenmeyer	Bears	2003-10	President/Co-Founder, Over Dog Entertainment (IL)
RB Rob Konrad	Dolphins	1999-2004	Principal, Alterna Capital & President-CEO, Alterna Financial (FL)
DT Ryan Kuehl	Redskins, Browns, Giants	1996-2006	VP-Sports Marketing & Sponsorships, Under Armour (MD)
LB Jim Lynch	Chiefs	1967-1977	Partner, D. Thomas & Associates (MO)
LB Bryce Paup	Packers, Bills, Jaguars, Vikings	1990-2000	Assistant Coach, Northern Iowa University (IA)
C Dave Rimington	Bengals, Eagles	1983-89	President, Boomer Esiason Foundation (NY)
LB Randy Shannon	Cowboys	1989-90	Assistant Coach, University of Florida (FL)
T Marvel Smith	Steelers	2000-08	Co-Owner, Elite Performance Factory (CA)
K Bob Thomas	Bears, Chargers, Lions, Giants	1975-1986	State Supreme Court Justice (IL)
T Joe Walter	Bengals	1985-1997	Vice President-Business Relationship Officer, Forcht Bank (OH)
G Travelle Wharton	Panthers	2004-13	Assistant Coach, University of South Carolina (SC)

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NFL LEGENDS IN THE NEWS



Congrats to NFL Legend **Tom Jackson**, who is the 2015 Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award winner as selected by the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tom was hired as an ESPN studio analyst in 1987 and has excelled ever since that time. He was a Pro Bowl linebacker during his years with the Denver Broncos (1973-86) before moving into the ESPN role. Tom will be honored during Hall of Fame ceremonies next month.

Following our last newsletter, we located one more father-son combination who played in the League. **Bill Neil** was drafted by the Giants in 1981 and played on the defensive line there for three seasons. He finished his career with the Packers in '84. His son, **Ryan**, was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Bills in 2006 where he played for three seasons. He completed his career with the Rams (2009) and Chargers (2010). The Pro Football Hall of Fame now lists 217 documented sets of fathers & sons who have played in the NFL.

Phil Simms returned to his alma mater, Morehead State, this spring and earned the undergrad degree he left on the table when he was drafted by the Giants in 1979. In a nostalgic speech to this year's graduating class, he lamented that nearly all of his Giants records have since been broken: "I think the only two that are standing are ones that I am proud of because they are hard for a QB to get... most interceptions thrown and most times being sacked."

Three popular Super Bowl vets were inducted last month into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame: RB **Kevin Faulk**, who helped the Patriots win three Super Bowls (2001, 2003-04); DB **Leonard Smith**, who played on two of the Bills four consecutive Super Bowl teams; and QB **Jake Delhomme**, who directed the Panthers to their only Super Bowl appearance in 2003, were among the eight athletes from all sports who were honored.

Former Seahawks RB **Curt Warner** gave the commencement address at Clark College outside Seattle last month. Curt has come a long way from rural West Virginia where he graduated high school with only 89 other students... Congrats to former Saints 1997 draftee (and Heisman Trophy winner) **Danny Wuerffel**, who was named to the Academic All-America Hall of Fame this spring... Finally, **Howie Long** and wife, Diane, recently made a \$1 million contribution to alma mater Villanova University's Athletic Fund campaign. Classy couple... like so many of you guys and your spouses!

Congratulations to ALL the above Legends..

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NFL LIFE LINE (800-506-0078) IS THERE 24/7 FOR NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY!



An important reminder that the **NFL Life Line (800-506-0078)** is a free, independent and confidential phone consultation service available to all NFL Legends, their wives and other family members who may need assistance with matters such as spousal and child safety, mental and physical health, lifestyle and transition in their post-NFL life.

NFL Life Line (800-506-0078) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. All calls are strictly confidential and not shared with the League Office, teams, or any related entity.

To learn more, visit <http://nfllifeline.org>

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175 NFL LEGENDS ON NFL COACHING STAFFS IN 2015



Expanded coaching staffs around the league in recent years have given greater opportunities for more retired NFL players to make the transition from player to NFL coach.

Many former NFL players started their coaching careers in the high school or college ranks before returning to NFL locker rooms with coaching responsibilities.

Another 150 former players also are employed on NFL clubs or in the League Office in non-coaching roles.

The 175 former NFL players (up from 157 last year) on 2015 NFL coaching staffs follow:

Team	Coaches
Arizona Cardinals	Brentson Buckner, Larry Foote*, Steve Heiden, Stump Mitchell, Kevin Ross
Atlanta Falcons	Bryan Cox, Marquand Manuel*, Terry Robiskie, Jeff Ulbrich*
Baltimore Ravens	Richard Angulo, Bobby Engram, Chris Hewitt, Marc Trestman*, Todd Washington
Buffalo Bills	Danny Crossman, Karl Dunbar*, Michael Hamlin*, Sanjay Lal*, Anthony Lynn*, D'Anton Lynn*, Tim McDonald*, Eric Smith*, Dennis Thurman*
Carolina Panthers	Ray Brown, Ken Dorsey, Curtis Fuller, Ricky Proehl, Ron Rivera, Mike Shula
Chicago Bears	Sam Garnes*, Rick Perry*, Ben Wilkerson*
Cincinnati Bengals	Mark Carrier, Jonathan Hayes, Vance Joseph
Cleveland Browns	Aaron Glenn, Wilbert Montgomery, Kevin O'Connell*, Joker Phillips*, Anthony Weaver
Dallas Cowboys	Gary Brown, Marc Colombo*, Jason Garrett, Jerome Henderson, Frank Pollack, Leon Lett, Wade Wilson

Denver Broncos	Rick Dennison*, Bill Kollar*, Gary Kubiak*, Fred Pagac*
Detroit Lions	Kris Kocurek
Green Bay Packers	Edgar Bennett, James Campen, Tom Clements, Jerry Fontenot, Sam Gash, Winston Moss, Darren Perry, Jason Simmons, Alex Van Pelt
Houston Texans	Doug Colman, Mike Devlin*, Anthony Pleasant, Mike Vrabel
Indianapolis Colts	Brant Boyer, Greg Manusky, Alfredo Roberts
Jacksonville Jaguars	Luke Butkus, Doug Marrone*, Ron Middleton, Tom Myslinski, Cedric Scott
Kansas City Chiefs	Eric Bieniemy, Eugene Chung, Al Harris, Andy Heck, Brock Olivo, Doug Pederson, Emmitt Thomas
Miami Dolphins	Blue Adams, Jeff Burris, Dan Campbell, Darren Krein, Phil McGeoghan, Zac Taylor
Minnesota Vikings	Jeff Davidson, Hank Fraley, Jerry Gray, Robert Rodriguez*
New England Patriots	Ray Ventrone*
New Orleans Saints	Kyle DeVan*, Greg Lewis*, Sean Payton, James Willis, Brian Young
New York Giants	Larry Izzo, David Merritt, Sr., Markus Paul
New York Jets	Todd Bowles (pictured above), Mike Caldwell*, Ron Heller, Jimmie Johnson*, Pepper Johnson*, Daylon McCutcheon*, Marcel Shipp*
Oakland Raiders	Sam Anno*, Jack Del Rio*, Jethro Franklin*, Rob Moore*, Bill Musgrave*, Ken Norton, Jr.*, Bernie Parmalee*, Marcus Robertson, Sal Sunseri*, Mike Tice*, Rod Woodson*
Philadelphia Eagles	Justin Peelle, Duce Staley
Pittsburgh Steelers	Keith Butler, Carnell Lake, Mike Munchak, Jerry Olsavsky, Joey Porter, James Saxon
San Diego Chargers	Andrew Dees, Mike McCoy, Pete Metzelaars, Rick Lyle, Frank Reich
San Francisco 49ers	Demir Boldin, Ronald Curry, Aubrayo Franklin*, Adam Henry*, Tim Lewis*, Thomas McGaughey, Jr.*, Tom Rathman
Seattle Seahawks	Michael Barrow*, Dwaine Board*, Tom Cable, Chris Cash*, Chad Morton, Kris Richard, Sherman Smith, Nick Sorensen, Lofa Tatupu*
St. Louis Rams	Joe Bowden, Frank Bush, Chuck Cecil, Jeff Fisher, Clyde Simmons, Dennard Wilson
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Gill Byrd, Jon Embree, Leslie Frazier, Hardy Nickerson, Carlos Polk, Tim Spencer, Paul Spicer*, Ben Steele
Tennessee Titans	Steve Brown, Sylvester Croom, Nick Eason, Ray Horton, Shawn Jefferson, Dick LeBeau*, Mike Mularkey, Mike Sullivan, Jason Tucker*, Ken Whisenhunt
Washington Redskins	Bradford Banta, Matt Cavanaugh*, Ike Hilliard, Randy Jordan, Dave Ragone*

*First season with team

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USA FOOTBALL COACHING MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

USA Football has a robust series of youth and high school coaching resources to help improve the overall quality of the coaching experience for NFL Legends. It's important to show our communities that all of us in the NFL are working to ensure safety, proper education and the best practices for youth and high school football. If you are interested in being certified as a youth coach for your son or grandson's league, we have removed any financial barriers for online coaching certifications for you. Below is the youth coach membership promo code for all Legends. The code gives former players a free coach membership and access to USA Football training.

To register for a coaching membership, [click here](#). Use promo code **NFLPLAYER** for your free membership.

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NFL LEGENDS BUSINESS CONNECT



NFL Legends who are business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to register their businesses with the NFL Business Connect program to compete for opportunities to secure Super Bowl event contracts for the next games to be played in the San Francisco Bay Area (February 2016) Houston (February 2017), and Minneapolis-St. Paul (February 2018).

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NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected through these private groups which are exclusive to Legends Community members and include updates and photos of recent activity. They are also a great way for you to stay connected



with other Legends, learn about various events within your local area, and help you spread the awareness about your camps, initiatives and charities.

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