# Former Football Players Ran Out of Time to Sue NFL, 9th Circuit Says

A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected a class action seeking to hold National Football League teams liable for conspiring to push painkillers on hurt athletes to get them back on the field, finding the claims time-barred, **reports** Courthouse News Service.

Reporter **Nicholas Iovino** writes that the players failed to explain adequately why they lacked the essential knowledge to file their lawsuit within the four-year statute of limitations.

“In this case, plaintiffs knew of their injury – that their careers had been ‘cut short’ – as soon as their careers ended due to physical injuries,” the panel wrote.

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