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The Mitchell Center Hosts Dr. N. Jeremi Duru to Discuss the NFL's "Rooney Rule" and the Issues of Race and Sports in American Society

Wilmington, DE – Join the Mitchell Center for African American Heritage and author N. Jeremi Duru, Professor of Law at American University, for a discussion of his book *Advancing the Ball: Race, Reformation, and the Quest for Equal Coaching Opportunity in the NFL*. Professor Duru will explore the impact of the NFL's 2003 "Rooney Rule" on issues of race and sports in contemporary American society along with the current controversies surrounding Colin Kaepernick and other NFL players taking a stand today. Named after Pittsburgh Steelers patriarch Dan Rooney, head of the NFL's Diversity Committee in 2003, the rule requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate for a head coaching job, but the rule does not apply to assistant coaching positions.

About Professor N. Jeremi Duru

Professor N. Jeremi Duru is among the nation's foremost sports law authorities, dealing with both amateur and professional arenas. *Advancing the Ball* relays the compelling details involved in the work of former Cleveland Browns offensive lineman John Wooten, along with attorneys Cyrus Mehri and Johnnie Cochran, and the resulting development and implementation of the "Rooney Rule."

Thursday, January 18, 2018. 6:00 p.m.
Delaware History Museum
504 North Market Street, Wilmington DE 19801

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The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit dehistory.org.

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