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Lester specializes in investigative and legal affairs reporting -- unions; strikes; lockouts; antitrust litigation (free agency); ownership; crimes; economic and business issues; social issues; and, medical disputes. Now at ESPN.com, recent assignments include congressional hearings on BCS (Bowl Championship Series), Michael Vick's bankruptcy court appearances, and legal troubles facing Plaxico Burrell. Lester also serves as the on-site legal analyst for ESPN TV and ESPN radio. He is also a regular guest and commentator on WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago PBS affiliate. Lester is a Columnist, Crain's Chicago Business; frequent commentator on WBEZ, Chicago NPR affiliate, Sporting News Radio Network, WSCR, Chicago Sports Radio, and, other radio and television stations nationwide. He was a regular panelist on The Sportswriters on TV (1995-99) and was a national writer for the National Sports Daily (1989-1991).

Other activities include: Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism; Lecturer, John Marshall Law School; IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law; DePaul University; and, UIC/School of Public Health, Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute. Other recent speaking engagements include: American College of Trial Lawyers (national and regional meetings); California Chapter, American Board of Trial Advocacy; Chicago Bar Association; Sports Lawyers Association; Illinois Department of Human Services; and, domestic violence advocacy groups.

Finalist for National Magazine Award. Article on abusive coach included in Best American Sportswriting of 1998. Recipient of the Genesis Award from the Ark Trust, with William Nack, 1992 and 1993. Recipient of numerous other awards.

B.A., Princeton University, 1962; J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1967. Licensed to practice law, state of Illinois.

Lester and his wife, Judy, have two sons: Lester III serves as Chief of Staff for Congressman Mark Kirk (10th Illinois); Max owns/operates "best pub" in Prague, Czech Republic, and publishes the international literary review, **THE PRAGUE REVUE**.