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V.I. CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION TO HOST INTERNATIONAL MASTERS OF GAMING LAW CONFERENCE IN VIRGIN ISLANDS - MARCH 29TH-31ST, 2015

The Chairman of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (“the Commission), Violet Anne Golden announced today that the Commission won the bid to host the Spring Conference of the International Masters of Gaming Law Conference at the Frenchman’s Reef Marriot Morning Star Resort on St. Thomas from March 29, 2015 to March 31, 2015. “We are extremely pleased that the Virgin Islands was selected from among very competitive destinations around the world. The Commission understands the value of hosting these important gaming conferences in the Virgin Islands, and we plan to pursue new strategic partnerships, which will enhance our gaming convention opportunities in the future”, Golden stated.

The Commission is also honored that Governor Kenneth E. Mapp will deliver the Keynote Address at the convention on March 30th 2015, and host the IMGL Closing Ceremonies for conference participants at the Governor’s Mansion at Estate Catherineberg on Denmark Hill, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

The IMGL conference has also received strong support and commitment from Commissioner of Tourism, Beverly Nicholson-Doty and her staff. The VI Tourism Department is a Bronze Sponsor of the event. Other important sponsors include Fox Rothschild, LLP Attorneys At Law, Gamblit Gaming, Gaming Laboratories International, GTECH, and EConnect.

The International Masters of Gaming Law is the “*pre-eminent global gaming law networking and educational organization shaping the future of Gaming Law.*” The organization has over 350 members representing over 43 countries and 34 states and territories of the United States.

Commission Chairman Golden recently hosted IMGL President Dr. Joerg Hofmann during his first visit to the Virgin Islands. “This site visit provided Dr. Hofmann with a first-hand view of what IMGL members can expect when they arrive on March 29th for their Spring Conference”, Golden said. “It was a pleasure to welcome Dr. Hofmann to the Virgin Islands, and we look forward to the arrival of IMGL members and distinguished gaming industry speakers next week. This is a unique opportunity for the U.S. Virgin Islands to welcome our IMGL colleagues to our beautiful shores, as we showcase the Virgin Islands as a destination for future gaming conferences.”

The IMGL has an exciting global speaker and panellist line-up for this event to include but not limited to the following industry professionals:

Mark N. Poovey, Partner, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, Washington D.C.
Nicholas Casiello, Jr., Chair, Gaming Practice Group, Fox Rothschild LLP, New Jersey
Dennis Drazin, Chairman, Monmouth Park Racetrack, New Jersey
John McManus, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, MGM Resorts International, Nevada
I. Nelson Rose, Professor of Law, Whittier Law School, California
Seth Young, Chief Operating Officer, Star Fantasy Leagues, New York
John Maloney, Principal and General Counsel, Law Offices of John K. Maloney, California
William Bogot, Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP, Illinois
Eric Meyerhofer, CEO, Gamblit Gaming, California
Kevin P. Mullally, VP of Government Relations & General Counsel, Gaming Laboratories Intl, LLC, Missouri
Britt R. Singletary, Partner, Singletary & Thrash P.A., Mississippi
Marc H. Ellinger, Partner, Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., Missouri
Susanna Fitzgerald, Q.C., Barrister, Lord Grabiner's Chambers, United Kingdom
Katie S. Lever, EVP & General Counsel, Scientific Games Corporation, Nevada
Tony Coles, Consultant, Jeffrey Green Russell Limited, United Kingdom
Frieder Backu, Attorney at Law, SSW Schneider Schiffer Weihermuller, Germany
Hitoshi Ishihara, Partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Japan
Moderator: John Roberts, Executive Director, Pokagon Band Gaming Commission, Michigan
Michael Lipton, Q.C., Senior Partner, Dickinson Wright, LLP, Canada
Chris Schwab, General Counsel, Cadillac Jack, Inc., Georgia
Mr. Tal Itzhak Ron, Chairman, Tal Ron, Drihem and Co., Law Firm, Israel
Melissa Blau, Director, iGaming Capital, United Kingdom
Ms. Ofri Noier, Co-Founder, LottoTech, Israel
Ms. May Yedidya, VP International Sales, Net Pay International, Israel
Chris Hinckley, Attorney, Harris Beach, New York
Thomas N. Auremma, Member, Compliance Committee, Penn National Gaming, Pennsylvania
Frank Fantini, CEO, Publisher, Fantini Research, Delaware
Jan Jones Blackhurst, Executive Vice President, Communications & Government, Caesars Entertainment
Mario Galea, Principal, Random Consulting, Nevada (& Malta)
Michael Pollock, Managing Director, Spectrum Gaming Group, New Jersey
Morten Ronde, Dir. of Education and Association Development, International Masters of Gaming Law, Denmark
Sue Schneider, Owner, eGaming Brokerage, Missouri

IMGL members are specialists in many gambling sectors – Compliance; Cross Border Regulation; iGaming; Legislative Affairs; Education; Lotteries; Taxation; Terrestrial Gambling; and Wagering. IMGL is at the forefront of the latest developments in international gambling law. Its members are committed to participation in industry-sponsored conferences which focus on issues facing the gaming practitioner worldwide. The IMGL is also creating a substantive body of gaming law work with its four magazines Casino Lawyer, Canadian Gaming Lawyer, European Gaming Lawyer and La Ley del Juego (The Law of the Game), as well as publishing the Global Gaming Regulations Library, sponsoring the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Gaming Law Journal and the Gaming Law Review and Economics publications.

The open networking and collective experience of its members makes the IMGL an integral and effective tool for the dissemination of gaming law developments worldwide. “The IMGL members practice independently and not in a relationship for the joint practice of law”, Golden concluded.

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