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>> Letter from the Editor

Global issues in online gaming

By Sue McNabb



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The Autumn issue of *Casino Lawyer* is dedicated to the esteemed recipients of International Masters of Gaming Law Regulators of the Year awards. IMGL honors Kevin O'Toole, executive director of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, as Regulator of the Year, Americas, and Jamie Hummingbird, director at the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, as Regulator of the Year, Indian Country. Both men are recognized by IMGL for their dedication to gaming law education and for their contributions to the gaming industry. It was my distinct pleasure to interview this year's highly respected recipients. Because of space limitations, the feature articles on these gentlemen reveal only highlights of the exemplary careers of the two dedicated attorneys who have achieved acclaim in their respective regulatory jurisdictions.

This issue also features excellent articles on recent developments in online gaming in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The recent legislative sessions in the United States, the judicial rulings, and the evolving industry worldwide continue to make online gaming a hot topic for gaming attorneys and industry leaders globally. There is a follow-up article on *Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians v. Patchak* in the Indian gaming section and an excellent study of the impact of structure in the industry. The online gaming feature includes an instructive article on how to take advantage of current business opportunities in online gaming. The International Association of Gaming Regulators section features an article on corruption in sports betting. *Casino Lawyer* thanks all of the contributors, both writers and advertisers, for their continued support of IMGL's original publication.

IMGL held its successful and well-attended spring conference at a spectacular golf resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The event featured excellent panels on tribal and state issues, Internet

gaming developments, regulatory issues, and developments in new markets worldwide.

IMGL member Douglas Florence was honored by J. Kelly Duncan with the President's Award for his outstanding contribution of his time and efforts in IMGL membership development. IMGL membership is by invitation only, and Douglas coordinates the affiliate membership program. President J. Kelly Duncan stated:

"The IMGL President's Award recognizes a member of IMGL who has selflessly contributed significant time and energy to bettering this great organization and advancing our mission. It was with great pleasure that the award was bestowed upon Douglas Florence, known to all for his tireless work on behalf of IMGL, particularly with respect to the significant expansion of our affiliate membership which has so greatly enhanced IMGL."

Finally, IMGL's publication program which includes its four legal journals has initiated a new advertising campaign in 2012. The campaign will support our twice-yearly print publications as a forum for contributors and writers to reach over twenty-five thousand readers around the world. IMGL and *Casino Lawyer* deeply appreciate the continuing contributions of excellent and timely articles on developments in national and international jurisdictions. ♣

Sue McNabb has worked with the Louisiana legislature, served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Louisiana Department of Justice and currently works with state government. She has an extensive background in corporate law in the private sector where she worked as General Counsel of an INC 500 Company and as Vice President of Administration with a national not-for-profit corporation. Prior to that, she taught at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

She has served as vice chair of the Governmental Section of the American Bar Association and served on multiple committees with the Baton Rouge Bar Association. She served on the board of directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

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