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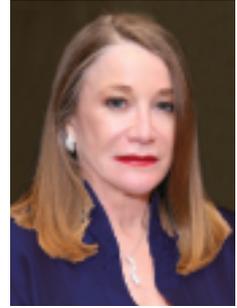
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>> Letter from the Editor

New Developments in Global Gaming

By Sue McNabb



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The spring issue of *Casino Lawyer* features Recent Developments in Gaming with outstanding and informative articles highlighting gaming jurisdictions both in the United States and internationally. Two articles in the jurisdiction profiles discuss the current state of the gaming economy, gaming trends, legislation and projections for gaming in Illinois, with emphasis on the Chicago region. Another of the feature articles discusses gaming trends and developments in northeastern states in the US highlighting the gaming markets in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Maryland. The Recent Developments collection also includes a thorough discussion of the international gaming marketplace, including the legal requirements for various licenses and levels of licensure in Spain and an update on resort developments in Jamaica. Gaming in Peru is also the subject of a jurisdiction update focusing on the governmental control of slot machines and the modernization of the industry.

Longtime contributor Professor Bill Thompson offers thought-provoking questions related to gaming regulations around the world that are a call to regulators, legislators and the industry to initiate studies that reflect the reality of the impact of gaming on individuals and jurisdictions. Of particular interest is that the American Gaming Association has recently produced a study emphasizing one of the areas discussed in the article, namely the economic impact of gaming on jurisdictions. The AGA study offers excellent materials on jobs, revenue, and additional extended economic impact that is useful to anyone with an interest in gaming developments, but especially to those who assist regulators and legislators in understanding the broad economic impact of legalized gaming.

The spring issue also contains two informative articles on Indian Gaming. One of IMGL's past presidents offers a discussion of

the off reservation application process and the new 2011 Department of Interior guidance memorandum. The second article, penned by economist Alan Meister on gaming revenue in Indian Gaming, includes excellent information on the growth of Indian Gaming in the current difficult economic market and is a preview of the more detailed information offered in the *Indian Gaming Industry Report*.

Casino Lawyer is pleased to introduce in this edition a new feature: regular contributions from the International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR) on timely topics. This new feature will be a mutually beneficial endeavor for both the International Masters of Gaming Law and IAGR. *Casino Lawyer* and IMGL appreciate the efforts of the IAGR president, Susan Hensel, in this cooperative venture.

As always, the editor appreciates the contribution and all the excellent articles from members of IMGL and invites members who have not previously made contributions to please do so. The autumn edition will be published prior to the IMGL London conference, and copies will be distributed at G2E. *Casino Lawyer* also offers an excellent opportunity for members to advertise their special expertise in the area of gaming law and related fields. ♣

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