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>> Letter from the Editor

The Economic Impact of Gaming

By Sue McNabb

The spring issue of the first—and for many years the only—publication of International Masters of Gaming Law marks the transition from the former *Casino Lawyer* brand to the current *American Gaming Lawyer* (AGL) designation. The theme for the premiere of AGL is the Economic Impact of the Gaming Industry in jurisdictions around the world. The articles discuss how the industry is adapting to technological, social and legal changes resulting from shifts in economies worldwide.

The spring issue features the thirteenth annual economic report produced by Dr. Alan Meister. The report analyzes the impact of Indian gaming on tribes throughout the nation as well as the impact of Indian gaming on the economy as a whole. Professor William Thompson continues the theme with a comparison of Las Vegas to other gaming venues nationally and internationally, discussing how decades of monopoly and single-minded strategic focus on destination opportunities distinguish the Las Vegas experience.

An article by Tony Rein on new jurisdictional developments in Australia discusses Queensland and the potential economic impact of the emerging “second casino boom.”

Shifting to the constant need for the industry to adapt to technological and societal changes, AGL also features an article on Internet gaming by David Deitch. The author provides an excellent analysis of the symbiosis between online gaming and traditional brick-and-mortar operations. Further, he creatively suggests methods to enhance revenue in traditional establishments through embracing Internet opportunities.

The lottery segment of the industry is featured in two informative articles on the latest developments in lotteries internationally. Authors Ron and Skier produce cutting-edge information on two recent developments on gaming using innovative business models to cross jurisdictions to “book” lottery purchases. The authors raise questions regarding these “challenging and volatile” new additions in gaming. Next, Daniel Russell discusses U.S. lottery fraud and analyzes the Norwegian lottery’s registration requirement to control ticket brokering and fraud.

New developments in Indian gaming are highlighted in the continuing saga of Internet gambling legislation and tribal gaming in California, the largest revenue state in Indian gaming. Staudenmaier and Carucci discuss the latest Internet poker legislation proposals and current litigation in California. The article raises a question as to future

development of online gaming offered by tribes across the country if the California tribe establishes its right to conduct online class II gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act or Internet poker under pending legislation.

Continuing jurisdictional updates, Jed Nosal presents an excellent discussion regarding the Massachusetts statutory mandate to address problem gambling by licensees including five percent (5%) of all gaming tax revenue to use for compulsive gambling public health programs. The article addresses the pros and cons of the intensive player protection regulatory scheme for initial licensees in the state.

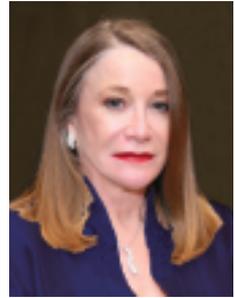
New developments in law and policy are presented by Kevin Rosenberg with a detailed discussion of money laundering statutes and “real world examples” of typical violations.

Once again, IMGL has contributed to the success of the annual American Bar Association Gaming Law Minefield held in Las Vegas. Past IMGL presidents Bob Stocker and J. Kelly Duncan along with members Jason Giles and Chris Hinckley organized informative panels on timely topics to provide continuing legal education to attendees. For non-attorneys and industry participants the panels delivered by IMGL members included tax issues, National Labor Relations Board issues, and recent Supreme Court cases among other topics. The ABA boutique conference held in Las Vegas each February is among the best educational opportunities for gaming attorneys and industry participants to learn and network in a congenial environment.

Finally, as always, IMGL extends appreciation to all authors who provide excellent articles on timely and sometimes controversial new developments in gaming law, legislation and litigation. A very special thanks to those who sponsor IMGL’s educational opportunities through generous contributions in advertising and conference sponsorships. ♣

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