

New Developments in Jurisdictions

By Sue McNabb



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The gaming world recently lost a leading scholar and dear friend, Professor William Eadington. Professor Eadington's contributions to the gaming industry are immense. Notably, he developed the University of Nevada's International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking, a gathering of scholars from around the world on relevant issues in gaming jurisdictions. Professor Eadington will be missed, but his legacy in the academic studies of gaming will continue.

The spring issue features jurisdiction profiles from the United States, Europe, and Indian gaming. A pair of articles addresses ethical issues faced by gaming lawyers. The first article includes an excellent and thought-provoking discussion of ethical issues faced by in-house gaming counsel. The second article has an international bent, consisting of personal reflections on ethical issues encountered by a gaming practitioner in Latin America and Spain.

Continuing with international topics, immediate past IMGL president Tony Coles provides an update on the European Commission and regulation of online gaming. *Casino Lawyer* includes another excellent article on reforms in the United Kingdom related to remote gambling regulations and consequences of abolishing certain jurisdictional exemptions afforded to licensees. Professor William Thompson continues the international voyage with an historic overview of gambling developments in Greece, where the games began.

Returning to the United States, the spring issue includes two articles relevant to Indian Country. The recent Supreme Court decision in *Patchak* has considerable impact on efforts to take land into trust for Indian Tribes. The *Patchak* decision is the subject of an article by IMGL past president Heidi

McNeil Staudenmaier. Dr. Alan Meister offers a report on his popular yearly economic study of Indian gaming.

Casino Lawyer also has a thought-provoking article on a creative means to transfer a right to allow sports betting from a jurisdiction that possesses an exemption from the federal ban on sports betting to a jurisdiction that wishes to use that exemption. As they say in the industry, the proposal offers a "win-win" alternative.

A feature article from the International Association of Gaming Regulators for the spring issue discusses IAGR's efforts to streamline the application forms for gaming licenses in multiple jurisdictions. IAGR will also provide an update on this process at its September conference in Oslo, Norway, which is immediately followed by the IMGL autumn conference.

Finally, IMGL members Arnie and Sheila Wexler discuss the challenges facing industry employees who have or develop a gambling problem. *Editor's note: The information in the Wexler article is based on the diagnostic criteria in DSM-IV, soon to be replaced in May of 2013 by DSM-V which will add a new category of behavioral addictions, comprised solely of gambling disorders. The effects- if any- of this change to the diagnostic manual on suits filed against the industry by gamblers who have behavioral addictions remain to be seen.*

Again, the editor of *Casino Lawyer* appreciates the contributions to the spring issue and welcomes future articles and advertisements in your continuing support of IMGL's publications. ♣

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