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>> **Letter from the Editor**

This year marked the rebranding of *Casino Lawyer*, now *American Gaming Lawyer* (AGL), to unify the Gaming Law masthead which now includes five IMGL publications including *European Gaming Lawyer*, *Canadian Gaming Lawyer*, *La Ley Del Juego*, and the latest addition to our brand, *Asian Gaming Lawyer*. AGL is very proud to continue the tradition of IMGL publications worldwide in furthering the mission of advancing gaming law through education. IMGL's membership of leading attorneys, industry executives, and regulators reflects its diverse appeal.

This autumn issue of AGL is dedicated to honoring the 2015 Regulators of the Year, regulators who meet the rigorous nomination and evaluation procedure maintained by IMGL. President Joerg Hofmann has announced these three outstanding individuals in his President's Message. The feature article in this issue presents the achievements and personal philosophies regarding the regulatory responsibilities and challenges of these distinguished regulators.

The articles in this issue continue to reflect the diversity and interests of IMGL membership from various jurisdictions around the world. The jurisdiction updates in this issue begin with an in-depth discussion of the evolution of gaming, emphasizing the potential of the New Jersey market to join Las Vegas and Macau as the next gaming and entertainment hub. Author Robert Heller divides the history of gaming into four distinct phases to present the growth of the gaming industry in his thorough discussion.

Authors Susan Breen and Stuart McMaster focus their jurisdiction update on the UK. They discuss changes in online gaming regulations which include *inter alia* an increased focus on responsible gaming and player protections using data analytics to identify problem gambling issues and to increase self-exclusion effectiveness. The discussion also explains the shift to "point of consumption" regulations in the UK.

Author Dervla Broderick contributes an informative update on EU online gaming and the challenges faced by operators in jurisdictions which, if not disparate, are definitely self-protective. The article discusses lack of cohesive regulation of online gaming across borders, focusing on Germany, Sweden, and Great Britain.

IMGL member Ranjana Adhikari, along with Gowree Gokhale, discusses the state of flux in India's online gaming business, focusing on the Mahalakhmi Cultural Association case, very recently before the Supreme Court of India, and the questions the case left unanswered regarding skill-based games.

Authors Ron Segev, David McHugh and Eric Stein present an enlightening analysis of massively multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPGs), the high-grossing online personal computer games. For any reader unfamiliar with "World of Warcraft"

and "Riot Games," among others, this article is an excellent primer. The authors address the issue of whether these games cross the boundary into gambling, pointing out the dangers that lurk in the highly lucrative MMORPG market.

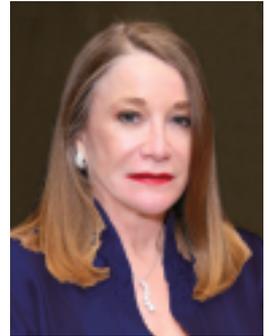
Next, IMGL member Daniel Russell continues his thought provoking articles on the lottery industry, this time discussing "misprinted" lottery tickets. Dan discusses the disappointment of the purchasers in these situations and the potential threat to the integrity of state lotteries. He also points out interestingly the power of the press in influencing an Ontario Lottery case.

The Indian Gaming Section features an excellent analysis of *Dollar General Corp v. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*, a case presently before the U.S. Supreme Court. This case regarding the limits of tribal jurisdiction addresses the issue of a tribal court's jurisdiction "to adjudicate civil tort claims against nonmembers."

In closing, and perhaps most important to editors, authors, and readers of gaming journals worldwide, is the recent loss on one of our own, Peter Mead, founder of Casino Enterprise Management and a mentor to many of us in the gaming industry. As happens with the death of all great figures in our industry, we feel the loss and share our sorrow with those whose lives he touched.

As always, IMGL and your editor thank you for your articles and sponsorships that contribute to the publication of AGL. We invite all readers of IMGL publications worldwide to join the ranks of contributors to the publications. Without our valued members, authors, and sponsors, we could not continue our IMGL mission of advancing gaming law through education.

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