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>> Letter from the Editor

The autumn edition of *American Gaming Lawyer* (AGL) is dedicated to honoring the 2018 Regulators of the Year and the recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Award, a new category whose recipients were not only outstanding regulators but also achieved recognition in the industry for overall contributions to the gaming industry. In the message from the president, Jamie Nettleton, IMGL president, announced the 2018 award recipients. These notable regulators will be honored at the Awards Luncheon in Prague or the private IMGL VIP ceremony and reception at the Wynn Atrium during G2E.

The articles in this issue reflect as always IMGL's tradition of advancing gaming law through education. The diversity of articles reflects the broad spectrum of IMGL membership and publication subscribers.

The jurisdiction updates in this issue include articles on Austria, Japan and Brazil. Dr. Christian Rapani and Mag. Julia Kotanko present an overview of new developments in Austria with a discussion of Austrian policy regarding online gaming and the national monopoly on betting games with a view to the future developments. Hitoshi Ishihara discusses the Bill to Implement Specific Integrated Resort Areas in Japan, pointing out the key points in the debate. Neil Montgomery and Helena Calderano discuss the election year turmoil facing Brazil's gaming development and the attempt to privatize LOTEX. They discuss the continued hot debate on potential "legal barriers" to privatization.

The May 2018 landmark United States Supreme Court sports betting ruling to repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) created an opportunity for states to legalize and regulate sports betting. Philip Sicuso and Ali Bartlett Miranda draw parallels between virtual sports betting games and video games and slot machines. The authors present an entire area of sports betting opportunities. Next, Todd Grossman, Justin Stempeck and Carrie Torrisi present an analysis of the determination of the Joint Commission in Massachusetts which studied regulation of all aspects of online and fantasy sports gaming. The article discusses the Joint Commission's review with input from the industry, the Attorney General and other gaming law experts to reach its conclusion and report to the Massachusetts legislature.

Combining the responsible gaming and gaming law policy areas, Hugo Luz dos Santos reviews the overall repercussions of legalized gambling in

the UK and elsewhere and the question of duty of care. The author discusses the responsibility of both the casino and the problem gamblers.

Sean McGuinness and Katie Fillmore discuss the impact of the May 2018 United Kingdom's new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. The authors present an excellent overview of the regulation and its implications for gaming attorneys and casinos in the US and worldwide. Emerging technology is a logical continuation of the GDPR impact on casinos and new developments in the US with implementation of new data protection legislation. Douglas Florence shares his vast knowledge of security and surveillance technology, ever evolving new developments. The scope of technology in new location tracking and facial recognition systems has brought many opportunities and implications for the gaming industry.

Switching to Law and Policy, Daniel Berkley discusses the potential inequities of collective bargaining between small to moderate size casinos and large resorts. The recent demonstration of labor unions' potential disruption of the marketplace in Las Vegas has far-reaching potential economic impacts.

The book review section of AGL presents two articles. Professor William Thompson reviews *'Round Midnight*, a book merging historical events with fictional characters and venues. Quentin Singleton next reviews *Sports Wagering in America*, an overview of the history of sports wagering in the United States by IMGL members Anthony Cabot and Keith Miller.

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