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>> **Letter from the Editor**

The spring issue of *American Gaming Lawyer* coincides with the 2016 International Masters of Gaming Law North American conference at the historic Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. The articles contributed to this issue cover some of the hot topics that the conference committee and session moderators have assembled to focus on IMGL's educational objectives. In addition, the spring issue contains jurisdictional updates and other thought provoking topics.

The Fantasy Sports Trilogy features articles from different perspectives and provides a detailed explanation of this much debated development in the industry. Christian Fisher presents an in depth discussion of Daily Fantasy Sports (DFS) development, legality, and status in Nevada, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. The article points out the inconsistent approaches of the various states in legislation and regulation of DFS.

Next in the trilogy is an article by Gowree Gokhale, Ranjana Adhikari, and Aaron Kamath covering fantasy sports in India. The authors discuss the popularity, development and legality of fantasy sports in India with an analysis of the present status and future potential for fantasy sports operations in the jurisdiction.

The final article in the fantasy sports group is from Keith Whyte, Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Keith's discussion focuses on consumer protection issues as they relate to DFS and "responsible play."

The jurisdictional updates in this issue are international, including Brazil, Nevada and Malta. Tony Cabot and Celso Neves provide important information regarding enforcement issues and collection of gambling debts incurred by Brazilian nationals and residents of Brazil when gambling in legal gaming venues outside Brazil. The precautionary measures are mandatory guidelines for casinos attempting to collect gambling debts in Brazil.

Bacigalupi, Light and Rutledge next provide a step by step analysis of the requirements for opening and maintaining an entity wagering account for race book and sports wagers, a new development in Nevada with the passage of Senate Bill 443.

Malta iGaming is thoroughly analyzed in a discussion of the opportunities for the gaming industry in Malta based on its welcoming business and regulatory environment along with its educated and multi-lingual workforce. In his article, Roger Strickland refers to the positive features of Malta as an "iGaming Eco-System."

Marc Dunbar discusses three recent United States federal cases regarding electronic gaming. The discussion presents an overview of the cases, showing how US law addresses virtual currencies used in the games. The author states that "the lines

between gambling and gaming continue to blur via their convergence on the Internet;" thus the courts will remain involved as new developments occur.

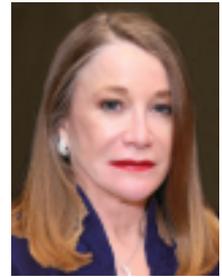
Professor William Thompson presents an historical overview of gambling and its relationship to ships, tracing the evolution throughout the oceans and rivers of the world. From paddlewheels to cruise ships, onboard gambling has evolved, but the author questions the progress, stating that "games played above water have not gained the levels of action found in land-based casinos." The author concludes by pointing out ten reasons he thinks shipboard casinos have not reached the levels of land based casinos.

Continuing his annual report on the economic impact of Indian gaming, Dr. Alan Meister presents the fourteenth *Indian Gaming Industry Report*. In articles in IMGL's new *Indian Gaming Lawyer* and in *American Gaming Lawyer*, Dr. Meister presents clear charts and graphs showing the continued growth of Indian gaming in the US.

Finally, Hugo Luz dos Santos discusses the Reno Model, a framework developed by Blaszczynski, Ladouceur and Shaffer as a guide to deal with problem gambling. The author closely follows the Reno Model to present a guide to operators, treatment providers and other agencies in adopting a responsible gambling program.

As always, *American Gaming Lawyer* appreciates the contributions of the authors to the spring issue and welcomes future articles and advertisements to support IMGL's publications. With your valued contributions, IMGL publications continue to provide updates on legislation, jurisprudence, and market developments to the gaming community.

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