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>> **Letter from the Editor**

The IMGL spring conference in Las Vegas will feature many of the hottest topics in gaming as do articles in our IMGL publications. The spring issue of *AGL* is no exception, featuring articles ranging from sports betting and online gaming to jurisdictional updates in evolving gaming areas such as Japan and Brazil.

The feature article for this issue is “March Maness Tournament Bracket Pools: What’s at Stake?” by C.J. Fisher and Lea Giosa. The authors present a thorough explanation of state and federal laws covering bracket pools in the pay-to-enter March Madness bracket pools. The authors discuss the applicable laws vis a vis the organizers and participants in the pay-to-enter pools.

The next article, “Online Account-Based Gambling – The Safest Option” by Antony Gevisser has a detailed discussion of the potential measures implemented in online account-based gambling. The author introduces several negative claims against online gambling and points out the fallacies of the published claims against regulated online gambling and offers his appeal for “objective, factual and fair” reporting.

Next, “Skill Based Gaming: AML Implications” is a guest article by Schor, Thomson and McWilliams. The authors offer a discussion of money laundering and new skill-based multi-player games. The authors include best practices for casinos and suggest red flags to identify money laundering collusion amongst players.

The Jurisdictional Updates section begins with a discussion of “Concepts to Implement an Integrated Resort in Japan” by Hitoshi Ishihara. The article focuses on areas to examine for operators considering entry into the Japanese market, adding five key points to consider.

The next jurisdictional update is “2018 and the Legalization of Gambling in Brazil: What to Expect?” by Edgar Lenzi and Marcelo Munhoz da Rocha. The article presents a review of the 2017 legislation that leads up to legalization on some level of gambling in Brazil. The authors discuss the various forms of gambling covered by the legislation as well as related areas.

In “Mass Gaming: How we Built This – Volume 1,” Grossman, Torrisi and Stempeck put forth a thorough history on the development of gaming in Massachusetts. The authors explain hurdles to overcome in the licensing regime with its multi-level approval process for licensees. These areas include host communities, sur-

rounding communities and various state laws such as Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law.

Next, Xavier Munoz provides a “Legal Overview of the Spanish Online Gaming Market”

in which he discussed the licensing structure in Spain, including clarification of categories of gaming and tax structure. The author also explains the fines and penalties imposed on violators of Spanish Law.

In “Tribal Gaming in Canada: From Something to Nothing and Back Again,” Cory Levi gives us a historical background and discussion of the three part test developed in several cases interpreting section 35 (1) of the *Canadian Constitution Act, 1982*. The author begins with a discussion of the early gambling games of Canada’s First Nations and then presents the tests that Canada’s Aboriginal people need to address in proving they possess an Aboriginal right to carry out gambling activities.

The spring edition closes with a timely article in the Personal Perspectives section by Richard Schuetz. In his essay, the author discusses the often difficult—and based on recent editorial accounts—pervasive exploitation of people trying to enter the protected “club” of casino industry executives. In “Sally: A Story About Power,” the author focuses on an abuse of power that offended a friend.

In concluding the spring edition of *AGL*, we wish to thank our authors for their values contributions to the issue and especially thank our sponsors who make the IMGL mission of gaming education possible. ♣



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