

On The Forefront of Gaming Law

By J. Kelly Duncan

“**S**haping the Future of Gaming Law” is not just a slogan. The members of the International Masters of Gaming Law are on the forefront of developments in gaming law as the gaming industry continues to evolve throughout the world far beyond the traditional bricks and mortar casinos of twenty-five years ago. Currently with 285 members from thirty-eight countries and thirty-three states and territories of the United States, the IMGL, as the preeminent gaming law education and networking organization in the world, continues to grow. The IMGL Membership Committee currently is in the process of vetting applications of strong candidates from around the world who wish to join our roster of distinguished members.

PAST EVENTS

IMGL Autumn Conference in London

Last October, the IMGL hosted 167 delegates from twenty-four countries (Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Isle of Man, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States). The conference offered a stimulating exchange of ideas by our distinguished panelists and moderators from thirteen countries, as well as those in the audience, with respect to topics ranging from online gaming and social gaming to the importance of branding in driving consumer interest and enhancing outside investment in the gaming industry.

IMGL Member Reception at ICE— Co-hosted with Jeffrey Green Russell Limited

An important benefit of being a member of IMGL is the many events that the organization hosts for its members and guests at international gaming expositions around the world. The immensely popular IMGL Member Reception at ICE, co-hosted with Jeffrey Green Russell Limited and the future receptions described below are ones not to be missed if possible.

As I mentioned in my January message, invitations to the joint IMGL - JGR reception in connection with ICE are highly

sought after. This year's reception at the Haymarket Hotel was no exception with over two hundred guests from many of the twenty-four countries represented at the London Autumn Conference as well as Aruba, Belgium, Gibraltar, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles and Peru.

FUTURE EVENTS

IMGL Spring Conference in Montreal May 8-10 at the InterContinental Montreal

Conference Co-Chairs, Cookie Lazarus of Lazarus Charbonneau and Murray Marshall, General Counsel, Kahnawake Gaming Commission and the planning committee are actively engaged in developing what promises to be an outstanding conference with speakers from around the world. I am pleased that IMGL will be returning to Canada for its Spring Conference. I also am excited about the host hotel. Located in historic and beautiful Old Montreal, the InterContinental Montreal was the winner of the Ulysses Trophy for best hotel in Montreal in 2010 and 2011.

IMGL Member Reception at G2E Asia May 22 from 5:30 pm–7:00 pm at the Portofino Restaurant at the Venetian Macau—Co-hosted with GLI

Co-hosted with Gaming Laboratories International (GLI), all IMGL members and their guests are invited to attend our reception at the Portofino Restaurant at the Venetian Macau. This reception has proven to be an excellent means to enhance the reach of IMGL in this part of the world where the gaming industry has experienced unprecedented growth.

IMGL Member Reception at G2E Las Vegas September 24

An always festive and well-attended event, the IMGL reception during G2E provides an excellent venue for leaders in the gaming industry to get together.

IMGL Autumn Conference in Oslo October 1-4 . Co-located at the Grand Hotel with the International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR)

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Regulators (IAGR), IMGL will be co-locating its conference with that of the IAGR Annual Conference in Oslo, Norway. The IMGL Autumn Conference will immediately follow the IAGR Annual Conference and will take place from October 1 - 4, 2013. Both the IMGL Autumn Conference and the IAGR Annual Conference will be held at the majestic Grand Hotel in Oslo, which is the site of the annual awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize. The IMGL Autumn Conference, whose Co-Chairs are Joakim Marstrander of Deloitte in Oslo, Norway and Henrik Hoffman of Anderson Partners in Denmark, will provide its attendees an unprecedented opportunity to meet with gaming regulators from around the world in both social settings and during conference sessions.

IMGL Member Reception at EiG

October 8, 2013. Co-hosted with GamingLaw.EU

IMGL once again will co-host in Barcelona with members of GamingLaw.EU a reception in connection with the European iGaming Congress & Expo (EiG). This annual reception closely follows our Autumn Conference, thereby facilitating attendance by IMGL members from around the world.

IMGL Publications

Another significant benefit afforded the members of IMGL is the opportunity to publish in and receive the following IMGL publications: *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*, *Casino Lawyer*, *European Gaming Lawyer*, *La Ley del Juego* and *Canadian Gaming Lawyer*. These outstanding publications target gaming jurisdictions globally and each provide a vehicle by which our distinguished members further gaming education while enhancing their own reputations in the gaming industry.

IMGL Website

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not talk about the robust IMGL Website found at: www.gaminglawmasters.com. This is an important resource for anyone involved in the gaming industry. Please make sure that you send to our Executive Director (at imgldirector@aol.com) your profile and photo for posting on your individual member listing as well as articles you have written and information about your practice and activities for posting in our Member News section. I encourage you to explore our Website. You will find it most useful and, with initiatives currently in the works, it will only be getting better.

I look forward to seeing many of you in May at our Spring Conference in Montreal. ♣

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Santiago Asensi

Santiago Asensi of Asensi Abogados in Spain was honored at the IMGL Autumn Conference in London on 12 October. He was presented with the President's Award by J. Kelly Duncan. The President's award is given by the IMGL President to an individual who is not an IMGL officer in recognition of the awardee's outstanding service to the IMGL. Mr. Asensi chaired the Madrid Autumn Conference in 2010 and is the co-editor of IMGL's Spanish language magazine *La Ley del Juego*. He has also assisted in the planning of numerous IMGL Member Receptions at EiG as a member of both IMGL and GamingLaw.eu. Upon receiving the award, Mr. Asensi thanked Mr. Duncan and also Dr. Wulf Hambach of Hambach & Hambach in Germany for being his mentor and encouraging him to join the IMGL.

Galanda Broadman, PLLC

Galanda Broadman, PLLC, has received a prestigious Tier 1 ranking in the 2013 Edition of *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms," in the arena of Native American Law, a ranking determined from a combination of Galanda Broadman's "clients' impressive feedback" and "the high regard that lawyers in other firms in the same practice area have for [the] firm."

In addition, named partner Gabriel S. Galanda was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of both Gaming Law and Native American Law, based on an exhaustive and rigorous peer-review survey comprised of more than 4 million confidential evaluations by the top attorneys in the country. "Gabe has now been selected to *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2007 to 2013.

Todd F. McTavish

Todd F. McTavish, the former General Counsel of Video Gaming Technologies, Inc., has moved to Multimedia Games, Inc. in January 2013 and is now MGAM's SVP, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer. In his new role, Mr. McTavish will oversee the company's legal affairs, licensing function and all compliance matters.

Roger Parkes

Roger Parkes left his position as Betfair's director of group compliance to establish a consultancy business with former colleague Malcolm Bruce. The two have set up Gambling Integrity Services to provide advice, expertise and training in all aspects of consumer protection, including compliance, AML and corporate responsibility.

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