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Dean's Column

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SCHOOL PUBLISHES FIRST ISSUE OF UNLV GAMING LAW JOURNAL

This summer the William S. Boyd School of Law, in conjunction with the International Masters of Gaming Law, published the first issue of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*. In the 2010-2011 academic year and in subsequent years, the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* intends to publish at least two issues per year.

Student-edited scholarly journals are an important part of legal education. Law schools exist to produce new knowledge, to disseminate knowledge and to impart skills. Law reviews are where old perspectives on the law are retested and where new perspectives are offered, evaluated and communicated. Law reviews also are where generations of future leaders of the bench and bar learn analytical, research writing and leadership skills.

From the early years of the law school's existence, our first student-edited law review, the *Nevada Law Journal*, has produced and disseminated legal knowledge and taught key legal skills. The *Nevada Law Journal* has risen steadily in the rankings of law review productivity and impact.

To expand our students' opportunities to learn and to contribute to discourse about the law, the law school wished to create a second journal. Given the importance of gaming law to Nevada – and increasingly to other states and countries – a review specializing in gaming law was a natural choice. The Boyd School of Law has long had by far the most extensive gaming law curriculum of any law school. The *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* anchors that program and will facilitate expansion of the program in the years to come.

Indicative of the importance of gaming law, we are proud that the inaugural issue of the *UNLV*

Gaming Law Journal contains well-wishes and messages of congratulations from United States Senator Harry Reid, Governor Jim Gibbons, Representatives Shelley Berkley and Dean Heller, and Anthony Coles, President of the International Masters of Gaming Law.

After a foreword by Dean John Valery White, the first issue of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* contains six articles. Two striking characteristics of gaming law are the diversity of issues encountered by attorneys in the field and the increasingly international nature of the practice. The six articles illustrate both of these characteristics.

The first article is “Economic Value, Equal Dignity and the Future of Sweepstakes” by Anthony N. Cabot, Glenn J. Light and Karl F. Rutledge, all American lawyers. The article explores how the element of consideration is analyzed in the context of whether a particular activity is illegal gambling or a legal sweepstakes.

American attorneys Heidi McNeil Staudenmeier and Ruth K. Khalsa contributed “A Post-Carcieri Vocabulary Exercise: What if ‘Now’ Really Means ‘Then’?” This article considers important topics in Indian gaming: the effects of the United States Supreme Court's 2009 decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar* on land-trust applications by tribes and possible remedies for problems caused by that decision.

Law Professor Marita Carnelley of the University of Kwazulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa authored “Betting on Dog Racing. The Next Legalized Gambling Opportunity in South Africa? A Cautionary Note from the Regulation of Greyhound Racing in Britain.” The article concludes that

principles used in Britain could inform possible legalization and regulation of the South African dog racing industry.

Professor Emir Aly Crowne-Mohammed of the University of Windsor Faculty of Law and Meredith A. Harper, an alumna of that school, wrote "Rewarding Trespass and Other Enigmas: The Strange World of Self-Exclusion and Casino Liability." The article addresses tort and contract issues as to the liability of casinos to problem gamblers. It draws heavily from the experience of the Province of Ontario, but its perspectives are applicable throughout the Commonwealth and the United States.

UNLV Professor of Public Administration William N. Thompson penned "Luck of the Irish: Will the Casinos Transform from Gaelic Grey to Gaelic Green \$\$?" Drawing on experience in the United States, the article explores factors that could bear on legalization of gaming in Ireland.

Finally, the inaugural issue contains an article of mine, "Sparks Nugget: State Tax Exemption of Food Used by Casinos for Comped Meals." This article discusses a sales and use tax issue of considerable revenue significance to Nevada and also notes case law from several other American states.

The *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* has already accepted a number of articles and student notes for its 2010-2011 issues. It welcomes unsolicited manuscript submissions. The subscription rates are \$20 for domestic subscriptions and \$30 for foreign subscriptions.

The Boyd School of Law is excited about the future of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* and is grateful to the 2009-2010 student editorial board (led by then Editor-in-Chief Brandon Johansson) and the 2010-2011 board (led by current Editor-in-Chief Kirk Homeyer). The school of law also thanks the International Masters of Gaming Law, Konami, Lewis and Roca LLP, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Jones Walker, Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Blitz Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., Dan and Ann Reaser, John Maloney, and Shufflemaster for their support of the inaugural issue. The school of law also thanks the members of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* Advisory Board and the law school's Gaming Law Advisory Council for their continuing encouragement, enthusiasm and counsel. ■

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