

GLS Year in Review

By Jeff Rodefer

Welcome to this year's edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*, which is honored to feature the first female majority of the Nevada Gaming Commission – Commissioners Ogonna Brown and Rosa Solis-Rainey, and former Commissioner Deborah Fuetsch. You will also notice several articles by leading female lawyers and regulators, including, among others, the *Foreword* by our featured regulators, Deborah Fuetsch's reflections on her five-year tenure as a Commissioner, Jaime Black's co-authored article on the gaming bills from this past session of the Nevada State Legislature, Maren Parry's interview with J. Brin Gibson, the Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, Missy Lundeen and Candice Nishizawa's co-authored an article on gaming compliance; Sarah Gonzales' articles on the LL.M. students at UNLV receiving this year's "Gaming Law Section Scholarships" and on Sara Gordon, the Interim Dean of the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, and Christine Samsel's co-authored article on employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccines.

As we get back to normal or a "new normal," this year's update is pretty limited. This past year was not a robust year for events. The *2020 Gaming Law Conference* was virtual through Zoom for the first time to ensure everyone's safety. I am pleased to announce that the *2021 Gaming Law Conference* – the 20th Anniversary of this annual event – will be back at the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa on Friday, November 5th, hopefully in-person. For more information about the conference, please see the full-page ad on the back cover. Online registration is available at www.nvbar.org/liveseminars.

Finally, if are you interested in writing an article for next year's magazine or speaking at the *2022 Gaming Law Conference*, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Horne, Communications Manager at the State Bar of Nevada (rhorne@nvbar.org). For more information about the Gaming Law Section's events and publications, please visit <https://www.nvbar.org/content/gaming-law-section/>. Past issues of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer* (2007-2020); the quarterly digital only publication, *GLS eNewsletter*; and information about the GLS Pro Bono Program for Gaming Employee Registration are available at this webpage too.

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NUMBERS

• 15

This is the 15th year of this annual publication, the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. Since 2007, there have been 200 articles written by 136 different authors.

Digital versions of past *Nevada Gaming Lawyer* magazines are available at <https://www.nvbar.org/content/gaming-law-section>.



• 20

2021 will be the 20th anniversary of the *Gaming Law Conference*, which has drawn nearly 5,000 attendees to date. The *2021 Gaming Law Conference* will be held on Friday, November 5th at the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa (online registration at www.nvbar.org/liveseminars).



• 29

The total number of individuals who have served on the Gaming Law Section's Executive Committee since its revival in 2000.

• 189

The current membership of the Gaming Law Section as of June 30, 2021, which includes 132 from Las Vegas, 21 from Reno, 15 from out-of-state, 12 from Henderson, 5 from Carson City, 2 from North Las Vegas, 1 from Sparks and 1 from out-of-country. The membership is also broken down along the following demographics: 142 in private practice; 40 corporate or in-house counsel; and 7 government lawyers.

• 394

As of June 30, 2020, the total number of individuals employed by the Nevada Gaming Control Board (a net increase of two employees from fiscal year 2019), including 54 in the Administration Division (an increase of one employee); 90 in the Audit Division (no change); 26 in the Technology Division (no change); 122 in the Enforcement Division (an increase of two employees); 76 in the Investigations Division (no change); and 26 in the Tax and License Division (a decrease of one employee).



• 2,912

As of June 30, 2020, the total number of gaming licenses active in Nevada (a decrease of 54 licensees compared to fiscal year 2019), including 461 nonrestricted (an increase of 5 licensees compared to 2019) and 1,984 restricted (a decrease of 13 licensees from 2019).

• 4,228

As of June 30, 2020, the total number of games in Nevada (a decrease of 31.2% compared to the same period in 2019).

• \$12,500

The amount in "Gaming Law Section Scholarship" funds that were awarded in 2021 to Morgana Leite Vieira McCoy an LL.M. student in the Gaming Law and Regulation program at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.



• 135,926

For fiscal year 2020, the total number of gaming employees in Nevada (a decrease of 16.1% compared to fiscal year 2019).

• 128,091



As June 30, 2020, the total number of slot machines in Nevada (a decrease of 21.7% over the same period in 2019), including 110,472 in nonrestricted locations (a decrease of 23.6% compared to 2019) and 17,619 in restricted gaming establishments (a decrease of 7.4% compared to 2019).

• \$450,000+

The total amount in scholarship and sponsorship funds the Gaming Law Section has provided to the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law since 2000.

• \$505,000+

The total amount of the Gaming Law Section's philanthropic endeavors over the past 21 years.

• \$9,327,964,932

The total statewide gaming win for fiscal year 2020 (a decrease of 21.7% compared fiscal year 2019).

• \$72,175,787

As of June 30, 2020, the total amount of Live Entertainment Tax generated from gaming facilities (a decrease of 31.7% compared to the same period in 2019).

• \$472,433,163

As of June 30, 2020, the total amount of Percentage Fees paid on taxable gaming revenue (a decrease of 33.3% compared to 2019).

Information compiled by Jeff Rodefer with the assistance of Michael Lawton, Senior Economic Analyst, Administration Division for the Nevada Gaming Control Board.



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