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Jeff is the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for Golden Gaming, LLC. Prior to his current position, he was with Boyd Gaming Corporation (NYSE: BYD) for nearly 12 years where he last held the position of Vice President of Legal Affairs, Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Compliance Officer. In this position, he was also actively involved in Legislative and regulatory reform efforts on behalf of the Nevada Resort Association. Previously, Jeff served over 13 years in the Nevada Attorney General's Office, including more than eight years as counsel to the Nevada Gaming Commission and Nevada State Gaming Control Board where he last held the position of Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General. During his tenure with the state, he also represented and worked closely with the Nevada Tax Commission, Nevada Department of Taxation, State Board of Equalization and the Nevada Department of Transportation. He is the author of the *Nevada Property Tax Manual* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1993, State of Nevada), the *Nevada Gaming Law Index* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1999, State Bar of Nevada), *Gaming Law Procedure and Formbook: A Guide for Deputy Attorneys General* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 2001, Nevada Attorney General's Office), *Internet Gambling in Nevada: Overview of Federal Law Affecting Assembly Bill 466*, 6 *Gaming Law Review* 393 (2002). He has also been a contributor to *Indexes to Subjects and Definitions in the Nevada Gaming Statutes and Definitions* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2000, Nevada State Gaming Control Board) and the white paper, *Improving Gaming Regulation: 10 Recommendations for Streamlining Processes While Maintaining Integrity* (American Gaming Association 2011). Jeff is a 1985 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting) and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1988 from Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon. In addition to the State Bar of Nevada, Jeff is a member of the State Bars of California, Colorado and Oregon. In 1993, the Nevada Supreme Court appointed him to serve on the Functional Equivalency Committee where he currently serves as Vice Chairman. In 2010, the State Bar of Nevada named Jeff its first recipient of the "Volunteer Lawyer of the

Year” award. In 2012, he was appointed as a Trustee to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. In 2012, 2013 and 2014 he served as a member of the American Gaming Association’s (AGA) G2E Conference Advisory Board-Compliance, Law & Regulation track. He has also been a member of the AGA’s Task Forces on Regulatory Reform and BSA Best Practices. In 2014, he was appointed to the Gaming Law Committee of the Business Law Section for the ABA.

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Greg is a partner and the Vice Chairman of the Gaming Practice Group in the Las Vegas office of the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. Greg began his private gaming law practice in 1993 by working with Bob Faiss in the Gaming and Regulatory Law Department of the law firm of Lionel Sawyer & Collins for almost 13 years. Prior to joining Bob Faiss at Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Greg served for 4 years as the first Chief of the Corporate Securities Division of the Nevada State Gaming Control Board, and before that Greg served as a Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office for 5 years, with the last 1 ½ years thereof in the Gaming Division. Greg graduated summa cum laude in 1978 with a B.A. degree in Business Administration/Accounting and History from the College of Notre Dame (now known as Notre Dame de Namur University) in Belmont, CA. He obtained his J.D. degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 1981. Besides the State Bar of Nevada and its Gaming Law Section, Greg is also a member of the State Bar of California, the ABA, the International Masters of Gaming Law, and the International Association of Gaming Advisors, where he is a former Trustee. In addition, Greg currently serves as the Vice Chair of the ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division’s Gaming Law Committee, and as a Vice Chair of the ABA’s Business Law Section’s Gaming Law Committee. Greg is also named in The Best Lawyers in America®, Gaming Law, 2005-2014 editions, and Chambers USA - America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, Gaming & Licensing, 2005-2014 editions, and Mountain States Super Lawyers 2008-2014.

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A.C. currently serves as Senior Director and Assistant General Counsel for the Gaming Division of Scientific Games Corporation, joining Scientific Games by virtue of its acquisition of Bally Technologies in November 2014. A.C. began his career in the gaming industry with Bally in 1998, joining the company in its Las Vegas office working in the regulatory compliance department. In 2001 A.C. became a member of Bally's corporate legal department and served as Assistant General Counsel from 2001 through 2007. During this period, A.C. worked with gaming compliance and government affairs issues, intellectual property branding and licensing and all aspects of transactional matters with Bally's customers. In 2007, A.C. was appointed General Counsel of Rocket Gaming Systems, a leading Class II electronic bingo system provider primarily serving the U.S. tribal gaming markets. During his tenure at Rocket, A.C. created and managed the company's first in-house legal department, in addition to serving on Rocket's executive management team. A.C. held the General Counsel position at Rocket until 2011, when he returned to the legal department at Bally Technologies and again assumed duties in compliance, government affairs, branding and licensing and transactional matters. Outside of professional employment, A.C. served as General Counsel for the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers from 2013 through 2014, and has attained an AV Peer Rating from Martindale Hubble. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) College of Arts and Sciences, receiving a bachelor of science degree, and a 1994 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) School of Law. A.C. is admitted to practice law in Nevada and Pennsylvania.

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Michael's career as a gaming lawyer began in August, 2002, when he was an Associate Attorney in the Complex Reorganization and Insolvency Practice Group with Gordon Silver, Ltd. representing the former Aladdin Hotel & Casino in its Chapter 11 reorganization and eventual sale and transformation into Planet Hollywood Casino. Additionally, while in private practice from 2002 to 2004, Michael represented clients such as Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in intellectual property maintenance and clearance proceedings. In 2004, Michael began his career as in-house counsel with Station Casinos, Inc. where he served as Associate General Counsel with an emphasis on transactional, intellectual property and entertainment matters. After more than four years of successful practice with Station Casinos, Michael accepted a position as Corporate Counsel with Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., where he was part of the new management team that guided the reorganization of Aztar Corporation and its emergence from bankruptcy as two wholly separate and diverse entities, Tropicana Las Vegas and Tropicana Entertainment, the latter of which was a diversified gaming company which managed both Tropicana Atlantic City as well as smaller regional gaming properties in Nevada, Mississippi, Louisiana, Indiana and Aruba. In 2011, Michael became the second individual to hold the position of General Counsel with The Light Group, a leading nightlife, day-club and restaurant management company with an operating partnership in MGM Entertainment's premiere destination resorts in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Michael was responsible for all of the company's legal matters and affairs. In 2013, Michael returned to in-house gaming practice as Assistant Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Affinity Gaming (formerly known as Herbst Gaming), where he was responsible for the day to day legal matters of the company's operating subsidiaries in Nevada, Iowa, Missouri and Colorado. In 2015, Michael joined Palms Casino Resort as Vice President and General Counsel in an executive management capacity where he has full and sole responsibility for all of the property's legal affairs. Except for brief periods following college and during law school, Michael has lived in Las Vegas since arriving here from New York City as a child in 1976. Michael received his undergraduate degree in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

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Jennifer Carleton is a shareholder in the Gaming Practice Group of the Las Vegas office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. She counsels gaming clients on corporate and regulatory matters, focusing on the licensing aspects of deal structures and transactions, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, and public finance. Prior to joining Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Jennifer was a senior staff attorney for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin for ten years. Jennifer currently serves the State Bar of Nevada Diversity Committee as a fellowship liaison and is a trustee for the Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas. She was a Director of the Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin for ten years, including three consecutive terms as the Chair of the Section. Jennifer has also published articles on gaming, Indian law and employment rights in the Marquette Law Journal, the Wisconsin Women's Law Journal, the Illinois Bar Journal and Casino Enterprise Management Magazine. Most recently, she authored a book chapter on Emerging Issues in Tribal-State Relations for the 2011 edition of *Inside the Minds*, published by Aspatore Books, and co-authored an article on Gaming Restructuring in Nevada that will be published in the Spring of 2012 in the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law Gaming Law Journal.

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Lou recently joined Stockbridge/SBE Holdings, LLC as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for SLS Las Vegas. Lou previously served as the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for Aliante Gaming, LLC, which owns the Aliante Casino & Hotel, and as General Counsel for the Tao Group, which operates restaurants and nightclubs in Las Vegas and New York. From May 2004 to December 2011, Lou served as the General Counsel for Colony Resorts LVH Acquisitions, LLC, the former owner of the Las Vegas Hilton. Lou was previously an associate with the law firm of Snell

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Jack is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (NYSE: PNK), a diversified gaming company that owns and operates casinos in Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri and Nevada, and a racetrack in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to joining Pinnacle in August 2002, he was a partner in the law firm of Schreck Brignone Godfrey in Las Vegas where his practice was devoted to gaming law with an emphasis on publicly traded corporations, financing, compliance and licensing investigations. In addition to representing numerous gaming clients, Jack has served as counsel to the Nevada Resort Association. Prior to entering private practice in 1984, he served as Deputy State Industrial Attorney for the State of Nevada, 1977-1980, as Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office, Gaming Division, 1980-1983 and as Chief Deputy Attorney General, Gaming Division, 1983-1984. Jack is a former Trustee of the International Association of Gaming Advisors ("IAGA") and served as that organization's President for the 1996-1997 term. In October 2007, Jack was inducted as a Counselor of IAGA. Jack received his B.A. degree in 1973 from the University of South Florida and his J.D. degree in 1976 from the University of San Diego, School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in the States of California and Nevada in 1977. He is an active member of the Nevada Bar and an inactive member of the California Bar.

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Scott is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Hart, practicing primarily in the area of regulatory and administrative law with special emphasis on gaming regulatory matters and legislative affairs. Scott's career highlights include serving as a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Gaming Division of the Nevada Attorney General's Office, General Counsel and Chief of Staff to the Governor, two-term Nevada Assemblyman and member of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. At the request of the Mississippi Attorney General, Scott assisted the Mississippi Legislature in drafting the Mississippi Gaming Control Act. He also served four years as a member of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Scott's corporate experience includes serving as Associate General Counsel and Executive Director of Corporate Development for International Game Technology (IGT) and Acting Managing Director of IGT Africa. A native of Las Vegas, Scott received his undergraduate degree from The Johns Hopkins University (1981) and his law degree from the University of Washington School of Law (1984).