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# **MINUTES**

# February 25, 2021

Attendance. After being duly noticed, the following members of the Executive Committee (Committee), constituting a quorum pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Third Amended Bylaws (as approved May 9, 2001, amended October 18, 2006 and July 9, 2014), participated in a telephonic only meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.: Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chairman; P. Gregory Giordano, Vice Chairman; A.C. Ansani; Lou Dorn; Erica L. Okerberg; Jennifer Roberts; Karl F. Rutledge; and Robert B. Ziems.

## ITEMS DISCUSSED.

- 1. Welcome Rob Ziems. The Committee welcomed its newest member, Rob Ziems.
- 2. Review and Approve the Minutes of November 12, 2020. After reviewing a draft of the minutes, the Committee, upon a motion made and duly seconded, unanimously approved the Minutes of November 12, 2020.
- 3. <u>GLS eNewsletter Update</u>. Erica Okerberg indicated that the authors of the Q1 2021 *GLS eNewsletter* would be Lou Dorn, Jeff Rodefer and herself. She further stated that drafts of articles were due April 3, 2021. Erica asked the Committee members if anyone had received feedback on the publication, whether the format should be modified or whether it should be continued or discontinued? The Committee was reminded that the catalyst for the *GLS eNewsletter* was to advertise the section and help increase its membership. To this end, the digital only publication is made available to the GLS members, published in the applicable issue of the State Bar of Nevada's weekly newsletter and posted to the State Bar's LinkedIn page. Rob Ziems felt that lawyers practicing in the area of gaming law were most likely already registered as members of the GLS and, thus, the publication was probably not going to achieve its primary purpose of driving membership. He inquired if the *GLS eNewsletter* could be published to non-gaming lawyers in the industry, including compliance personnel who may be interested in reviewing it. Several Committee members felt the *GLS eNewsletter* provided value to the GLS members trending and newsworthy items.

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- 4. <u>Pro Bono Gaming Employee Registration Program Update</u>. Jennifer Roberts stated that she had no updates to provide on the program. Greg Giordano inquired if Scott Scherer had, if fact, taken the most request case referred by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Jeff Rodefer commented that Scott stated he would accept the assignment if it cleared conflicts checks at his firm. No further updates were available.
- 5. Nevada Gaming Lawyer magazine. The Committee had its initial discussion of topics for the 2021 edition of the Nevada Gaming Lawyer magazine and was reminded that drafts of articles are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Rodefer stated that Maren Parry had agreed to write an interview article with J. Brin Gibson, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Greg Giordano stated there could be further opportunities for interview articles with Terry Johnson's replacement on the Nevada Gaming Control Board and possible new Chair for the Nevada Gaming Commission. Jaime Black stated she would author an overview article about the gaming bills from the 2021 Legislative Session. Karl Rutledge indicated his desire to write about the class action lawsuit filed against Apple concerning gaming related apps. Jennifer Roberts stated she would write on igaming or sports betting. Lou Dorn and Rob Ziems felt that igaming was more topical. Greg also suggested an article on COVID-19's impact on the gaming industry and, specifically, what authority did the industry have to force employees to be vaccinated. He indicated that he would discuss the topic with a labor lawyer at his firm. Rob further commented he could follow-up with his outside employment counsel too.

Finally, the Committee was reminded that the 2020 issue had no ads due to past advertisers' budgetary constraints brought about by the pandemic. Greg and Karl stated that their firms had not reinstated their marketing budgets. Rob echoed similar concerns for manufacturers. As such, the Committee agreed to forego having advertisers again this year.

6. <u>2021 Gaming Law Conference – Discussion</u>. The Committee was informed that the State Bar of Nevada was unable to be released from its contract with the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa (Red Rock) for the 2020 Gaming Law Conference. Instead, Red Rock transferred the agreement to 2021. As such, this year's conference is scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021. However, social distancing considerations may force the event to be held via Zoom again.

The Committee noted that the Construction Law Section had agreed to present "Racial Bias and Prejudice in the Legal Profession" as a two-hour ethics panel. Jaime Black said she would be happy to organize and moderate the "Regulators Roundtable" with the Chairs of the Nevada Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission. Jeff Rodefer stated he had reached out to Virginia Valentine, President of the Nevada Resort Association about moderating a "2021 Legislative Update" panel with the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees similar to what she had done in 2019. As of today's meeting, Virginia had yet to respond. Lou Dorn suggested an update on federal anti-money laundering, especially in light of President Biden's new administration. Jeff indicated that he would

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discuss the potential topic with Jim Dowling or Mindy Letourneau. The Committee also discussed additional topics, including, among others, the pandemic's impact on the gaming industry.

- 7. Other Items of Interest. There were no additional items raised for discussion.
- 8. <u>Adjourn</u>. With no other business to discuss, the Committee, upon a motion made and duly seconded, unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

DATED 215 day of May 2021.

State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section

Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chairman