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Practice and Procedure Manual

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The Year in Review: GLS UPDATE

By Jeff Rodefer, Chairman, Gaming Law Section

Welcome to the 2015 edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. The Gaming Law Section's Executive Committee said goodbye two of its longtime members this year. In May, Dennis Gallagher and Lars Perry stepped down. Dennis has served since 2006 and Lars since 2009. Both contributed significantly to the GLS through the golf tournament, the *Gaming Law Conference*, and this annual publication, as well as being speakers, authors, and event sponsors. They leave big shoes to be filled by A.C. Ansani, Senior Director and Assistant General Counsel with Scientific Games Corporation, and Michael R. Brunet, Vice President and General Counsel for the Palms Casino Resort. A.C. and Michael were appointed by the Board of Governors in July to serve three-year terms.

On June 18th, the GLS held the "2015 BSA Conference" at Paris Las Vegas Hotel Casino with sponsorship from Thomson Reuters, UNLV's International Gaming Institute, the American Gaming Association (AGA) in Washington D.C., as well as FinScan, Casino Essentials, Ernst & Young, ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists), and Sematic Research. The conference drew 413 registrations....the second most attended CLE in the State Bar's history (the "2014 Bank Secrecy Act Conference" drew 440). The attendees hailed from 25 states and tribal jurisdictions, including one foreign country. Stephanie Brooker, Director of the Enforcement Division for the U.S Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes



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DID YOU KNOW ... ?

Did you know that these celebrities have been licensed, found suitable, or at least started the Nevada gaming investigation process?

Andre Agassi

Jimmy Buffett

Wayne Newton

Donald Trump

(for the Riviera, not the non-gaming Trump Hotel)

Frank Sinatra

Grace Hayes

son Peter Lind Hayes, and daughter-in-law Mary Healy (all film actors)

Debbie Reynolds

Rupert Everett

(of the TV show Survivor for a game approval)

Max Baer, Jr., sought to open a casino in Carson City.

Johnny Carson almost made it, but lost in a bid against Wayne Newton and his partner.

If you know of others who are not on the list, please contact Jennifer Roberts at jroberts@duanemorris.com for inclusion the next year's Nevada Gaming Lawyer."

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FinScan Networking Break

Enforcement Network (FinCEN) in Washington, D.C., gave the keynote opening address. M. Kendall Day, Chief of the

Asset Forfeiture & Money Laundering Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., was the keynote lunch speaker. The panels included discussions regarding “Wish List of BSA Changes to Benefit the Gaming Industry and Government,” “Gaming Industry Best Practices,” “Know Your Customer Expectations and Vetting High Rollers,”

“What to Expect in a BSA Audit: How to Prepare?” and “Hot Topics in IRS Examinations.” The conference also provided attendees with the option of also attending the “BSA 101 Breakfast” where Kevin Rosenberg, General Counsel with



Jason Carmen, IRS, BSA Casino Group Manager

Goldberg, Lowenstein & Weatherwax, LLP in Los Angeles (former U.S. Attorney that prosecuted the Las Vegas Sands case) and Jeff Setness, Shareholder with Fabian & Clendenin, P.C. in Las Vegas (also a former U.S. Attorney) gave a 90-minute introduction to the Bank Secrecy Act. The success of the event is due in large part to Jim Dowling of the Dowling Advisory Group in Pasadena, California; Kevin Rosenberg; Stephanie Hirsch of the State Bar of Nevada’s CLE Department; Elizabeth Cronan with the AGA; and Dr. Bo Bernhard and Nakia Jackson-Hale of UNLV’s International Gaming Institute. The “2016 BSA Conference” is already in the planning stages.

The pro bono program started by Executive Committee member Scott Scherer to assist applicants appealing objections to their gaming employee registrations continues to grow. Nevada Gaming Control Board Member Shawn Reid has ensured that the Board’s objection letters provide applicants with information about the GLS pro bono service. For information about the program, please see Scott Scherer’s update in this issue.

With editing and formatting assistance from Mark Lerner, the GLS was able to submit the long-awaited draft of the “Nevada Gaming Law Practice & Procedure Manual” to the State Bar in March to begin the publishing process. This first of its kind reference book, being coordinated by Vice Chairman Greg Giordano, covers 18 chapters written by various gaming lawyers and regulators. The *Manual* will include an overview and “how to” information in the areas of licensing, corporations and other business entities, financings and restructurings, transfers of interest, race books and sports pools, compliance reporting, gaming debt collection and patron disputes, regulation of third parties, disciplinary actions, accounting and audits, gaming taxes and fees, lotteries and promotions, internet and interactive gaming systems, publicly traded companies and private equity, gaming employees, gaming devices and related systems, cashless wagering and associated equipment, and the List of Excluded Persons and doing business with denied applicants. It is expected that the State Bar will start accepting pre-orders shortly. The *Manual* will be published in the fourth quarter of 2015 in both hardcopy and electronic format.



Elanie Wynn, President, Nevada State Board of Education and Punam Mathur

On November 7, 2014, the “2014 Gaming Law Conference” was held at Red Rock Casino Resort Spa with LexisNexis

sponsoring the lunch with keynote speaker, Elaine Wynn, President of the Nevada State Board of Education and then director of Wynn Resorts. The



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Left to Right:

- Tick Segerblom, Nevada State Senator (D-District 13)
- Greg Brower, Nevada State Senator (R-District 15)
- William C. Horne, Nevada State Assembly (D-District 34)
- Mark A. Lipparelli, Nevada State Senator (R-District 6)
- Peter C. Bernhard, Of Counsel, Kaempfer Crowell



Left to Right: A.G. Burnett, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Control Board
Dr. Tony Alamo, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Commission

conference drew 153 attendees and featured panels concerning “Women’s General Counsel Roundtable,” Problems Gambling and the Law: Implications for Clients, Companies and Others,” “AB360 Interim Legislative Committee,” “Regulators Roundtable,” and two-hours of ethics with Stuart Tiecher, Esq., the “CLE Performer,” presenting “Technethics: The Ethics of Social Media.”

The “2015 Gaming Law Conference” will be held on Friday, November 6th at Red Rock Casino Resort. In its 14th year, the conference promises to again bring together leading experts to discuss many of the topical issues facing the industry and the practice of gaming law. The panels will include the popular “Regulators Roundtable” with Dr. Tony Alamo, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, and A.G. Burnett, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board; an update on the 2015 Legislative Session with State Senators Greg Brower (R-15, Washoe County) and Mark Lipparelli (R-6, Clark County); as well as Gaming Enforcement Issues with Board Member Shawn Reid and Karl Bennison, Chief of the Board’s Enforcement Division; and Information Risk Management: Providing Effective Counsel to Your

Company. The seminar will again feature Stuart Tiecher, Esq., presenting two hours of ethics on “The Fear Factor: How Good Lawyers Get Into Bad Trouble.” Online registrations are available for this event at <http://nvbar.org/cle/liveseminars>. For more information about this year’s conference, please see the full-page ad inside the back cover of this publication.

This past year, the GLS proudly co-sponsored two important events. On September 28, 2014, the International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA)/G2E held an opening night reception at The Palazzo in the Lavo restaurant to honor longtime gaming lawyers (and members of the GLS) Patricia Becker and the late Robert D. Faiss for the induction into the Gaming Hall of Fame. In June 2015, the GLS helped sponsor the *Power of Love* Gala that honored former Nevada Gaming Commission Chairman, Peter C. Bernhard, with the “Keep Memory Alive Special Community Leader Award.”

Also, in June, the GLS Executive Committee awarded the first “Gaming Law Section Scholarship” to Jordan Scot Flynn Hollander. Jordan is a member of the inaugural class of the LL.M. program in Gaming Law and Regulation at the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV. The \$5,000 scholarship will become, as funds permit, an annual scholarship awarded by the Executive Committee to a student it selects from the new LL.M. program.



On behalf of the Executive Committee, we hope that you enjoy this year’s issue of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*.

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