

Welcome to the 2017 edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. As you might imagine, each year it takes more than a few hours to prepare for this publication. This year was no different with the Executive Committee undertaking initial discussions after the first of the year that led to several areas for potential articles. Following a few more meetings, the scope of the magazine was refined with topics and authors being identified. Since this is the periodical's 11th year, it seems fitting to take a brief moment to thank those who assist with this nearly nine-month enterprise to create the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. Each issue starts with the skill and expertise of the authors, who graciously take the time to share their insights on topical and trending items in the gaming industry. Articles are submitted by June 1st with a few exceptions (well, more than a few). The editorial process takes approximately six weeks to complete with the aspiration of submitting articles and ads to the graphic artist, Roxane Berkecz, by late July to commence the layout and design of the magazine. An initial proof is delivered in early August and thoroughly reviewed and edited. A final proof is submitted to the printer, Nevada Color, in late August. The end goal is to produce a magazine that is both informative and useful, and hopefully finds its way to your mailbox around September 1st. The contributions this year of our authors, advertisers, editors, graphic artist and printer are greatly appreciated.

# GLS Year in Review

By Jeff Rodefer

What's new with the Gaming Law Section? In June, Michael J. Bonner and John A. "Jack" Godfrey chose not to seek reappointment to the Executive Committee (Committee). Mike and Jack joined the Committee in 2002. Each has been instrumental to the growth of the Gaming Law Section (GLS), as well as its events and publications. It would be a tremendous understatement to say they leave big shoes to fill. As a result, the State Bar's Board of Governors formally appointed Gregory R. Gemignani of Dickinson Wright and Erica L. Okerberg of Greenberg Traurig to each serve a three-year term. The Committee looks forward to working with both Greg and Erica in the coming years.

Among Committee member Scott Scherer's many accomplishments is the pro bono program for indigent individuals seeking to exercise their appeal rights to contest the Nevada Gaming Control Board's objection to their registration as a gaming employee. He worked tirelessly with Board

Member Shawn Reid and the late Melanie Kushnir, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada to establish the program. Among those taking cases in 2016 were Amy Ismail, Jennifer Roberts, Jeffrey Silver and Ellen Whittemore and in 2017 Scott Scherer, Jeffrey Silver and Jeff Rodefer volunteered their services.

After three years of organizing and presenting the *Bank Secrecy Act Conference* that drew more than 1,200 attendees from across the country and becoming the State Bar of Nevada's most successful CLE events in its history, the decision was made to

merge our conference with Casino Essentials' annual AML conference. In turn, the GLS became the Platinum sponsor of this event for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Casino Essentials' *10th Annual National Anti-Money Laundering Conference and Expo* was held August 15th-17th at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas (and approved by the Nevada CLE Board for 17 general credits). By being able to leverage the expertise of Casino Essentials and its CEO, Mindy Letourneau, it is the Executive Committee's hope that this critical discussion on AML issues impacting the gaming industry continues to grow.



Jack Godfrey, Member, Gaming Law Section Executive Committee and Marc J. Falcone, Keynote Speaker.



Problem Gambling  
Dr. Bo Bernhard



Regulators Roundtable (L-R) Dr. Tony Alamo, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Commission, A.G. Burnett, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Control Board and P. Gregory Giordano, Vice Chairman, Gaming Law Section

On November 4th of last year, the *2016 Gaming Law Conference* was held at the Red Rock Casino Resort with Marc J. Falcone, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Red Rock Resorts, Inc. giving the keynote address. The conference drew approximately 150 attendees. For the first time, a reception was held the night before, which was free to all who registered for the conference and RSVP'ed. The reception, entitled "Meet Your Regulators: Past and Present" drew a moderate turnout. The conference featured panels on eSports, problem gambling, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and ethics in cyberspace, as well as the popular regulator discussion.



eSports (L-R) Sylvia Tiscareno, Johnathan Wedel, Laurlyn McCarthy, Chris Grove and Dennis Gutwald



A Brave New World: Ethics in Cybersecurity? (L-R) Anthony Pearl, Missy Young and Jennifer Roberts, Member, Gaming Law Section Executive Committee.

The *2017 Gaming Law Conference* will be held on Friday, November 3rd at Red Rock Casino Resort. In its 16th year, the conference promises to again bring together leading experts to discuss many of the contemporary issues facing the industry and the practice of gaming law. The conference, which will expand to seven hours this year, will provide four hours of general CLE credit, two hours of ethics and one hour of substance abuse credits. The panels will include the always informative “Regulators Roundtable” with Dr. Tony Alamo, M.D., Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission and A.G. Burnett, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board; “Responsible Gaming;” “The New Nevada Gaming Compliance Unit – What Every Licensee Needs to Know;” “Emerging Employment Issues in the Gaming Industry;” “BSA May Stand for ‘Better Start Apologizing’: Why Your Culture of Compliance May Be Your Casino’s Biggest Pain Point;” and “The Ethy Awards” with Sean Carter,

Humorist at Law. Online registrations are available for this event at [www.regonline.com/glc2017](http://www.regonline.com/glc2017). The reception will be held the night before on November 2nd at T-Bones Chophouse from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and will be free to attendees who RSVP by October 25th. For more information about the conference and its lineup of speakers, please review the full-page ad inside the back cover of this issue.

Through the vision and leadership of Greg Giordano, Vice Chairman, the *Nevada Gaming Law Practice and Procedure Manual* reached its long journey to fruition in 2016. The *Manual* is available in a digital format for \$30 or a digital/hardcopy bundle for \$50. **Please visit** <http://sbnpeachnewmedia.com/store/provider/custompage.php?pageid=4> to order your copy. For more information about the Manual, there is a full-page ad in this issue following Scott Scherer’s article on *eSports Momentum in Nevada* on page 22.



Governor Brian Sandoval address at Opening Ceremony of Nevada Supreme Court's Las Vegas Building

The GLS furthered its long history of philanthropic work this past year by funding over \$32,000 in sponsorships. On March 27th, the Section was honored to be the Platinum level sponsor for the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Nevada Supreme Court’s new Las Vegas building.

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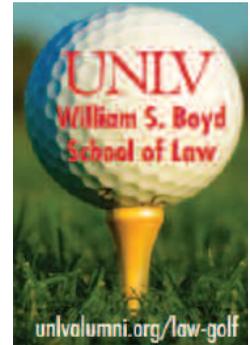


Frank A. Schreck (third from left) with members of Balyor Law School's winning moot court team.



Jan Jones Blackhurst at 2017 Faiss Lecture.

The Frank A. Schreck Gaming Moot Court Competition was again supported through a \$2,500 sponsorship donation. The competition was held March 31st and April 1st at the William S. Boyd School of Law (for information about the competition and its results, please visit <https://law.unlv.edu/frank-schreck-gaming-law-moot-court-competition>). The GLS also continued its association with the Robert D. Faiss Lecture Series by funding a \$10,000 sponsorship for the 2017 and 2018 events. A \$10,000 co-sponsorship was provided for the Gaming Law Journal at the Boyd School of Law for the 2017-18 term. October 20th, the GLS will be the \$2,000 Silver Hole Sponsor for the 4th Annual Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament to be held by the Boyd School Law at the Angel Park Golf Club in Summerlin. Finally, the GLS funded \$5,000 to sponsor for the Global Gaming Women's (GGW) "Kick Up Your Heels" event that benefits the GGW's Charitable Education Fund providing women in our gaming industry with educational scholarships.



As noted in last year's issue, the **GLS established \$40,000 in scholarships to be awarded over a four-period between 2016 through 2019 to students enrolled in the LL.M Gaming Law and Regulation program at the Boyd School of Law.**

Two students are selected annually by the law school to each receive a \$5,000 "Gaming Law Section Scholarship." For more information about this year's recipients, please read Brian Wall's article in this issue entitled, *Boyd School of Law LL.M. in Gaming Law and Regulation: 2017 GLS Scholarship Recipients* on page 69.



As always, we want your input. If you would like to speak at a conference, write an article, or have suggestions for events or publications, please contact Robert Horne, Programs & Services Manager for the State Bar of Nevada.

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



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