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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 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, 2005-2018 editions, and Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Gaming & Licensing, 2005-2018 editions, and Mountain States Super Lawyers 2008-2018.

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Jaime serves as the Chief of the Administration Division for the Nevada Gaming Control Board having previously held the position of Senior Research Specialist for the NGCB. Prior to her employment with the NGCB, Jaime was an associate attorney with an insurance defense litigation firm in Reno. She was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 2009 and Florida Bar (inactive) in 2008. She received a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science from California State University of Fresno in 2003. She graduated from Barry University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, in the top 4% of her class, in 2008. During law school, she served as the Associate Editor (2006-2007) and the Symposium Editor (2007-2008) for the Barry Law Review, and was a member of the Moot Court Honors Board. She also served as law clerk to the Honorable Melvin T. Brunetti, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2008-2009).

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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. From 2015 through 2016, Michael served as Vice President and General Counsel of Palms Casino Resort where he had 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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Lou was recently appointed as the Chief Legal Officer for Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. – a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: MCRI) with casino and resort operations in Reno, Nevada and Black Hawk, Colorado. Lou previously served as the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for Las Vegas Resort Holdings, LLC, which owns the SLS Las Vegas, and Aliante Gaming, LLC, which owns the Aliante Casino & Hotel. 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 & Wilmer L.L.P., where his practice was concentrated on business, finance and gaming matters. Lou is a former Chief of the Corporate Securities Division of the Nevada Gaming Control Board in Carson City. Prior to joining the Nevada Gaming Control Board, Lou served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada, where he represented the Nevada Gaming Commission and the Nevada Gaming Control Board. During his five years with the Attorney General's Office, Lou also represented the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Department of Taxation. Lou received his B.A. degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1990, and his J.D. degree from Lewis and Clark School of Law in 1994.

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Erica is an associate with the Global Gaming Group of the law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Erica was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 2013. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and French from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 2010. She graduated *magna cum laude* from William S. Boyd School of Law in 2013. During law school, Erica was the Editor-in-Chief of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* and a member of the Society of Advocates moot court team. She is a member of the International Association of Gaming Advisors, the Brand Activation Association, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Erica frequently publishes articles and updates on gaming law and

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Maren is an Associate attorney at the law firm of Ballard Spahr LLP practicing primarily in the areas of administrative law and government affairs with a focus on land use and gaming. She regularly assists clients in obtaining privileged licenses and government approvals related to gaming and liquor, in addition to other regulated business types. Maren is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Las Vegas and a regular volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club and the Legal Aid of Southern Nevada Ask-A-Lawyer clinics. She is a member of the International Association of Gaming Advisers where she has served as an ambassador for new membership, and is currently a member of the Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award committee. Maren is a graduate of the William S. Boyd School of Law where she obtained her J.D. in 2005, and where she now serves on the Gaming Law Advisory Committee. She received her undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University in 2002. Maren is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

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