

By Jeff Rodefer, *Chairman, Gaming Law Section*

Welcome to the 2014 edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. Actually, this opening seems a little off this year with the passing of Bob Faiss, who was kind enough to write the *Foreword* just days before leaving us. Since the practice of gaming law is largely Bob's creation...as the first gaming lawyer, it seems more appropriate to merely say "Welcome and Thank You Bob."

This past year has seen some significant change for the Gaming Law Section. In May, the Executive Committee amended the Bylaws to expand its membership from ten to "up to twelve" individuals to help further diversity initiatives of the Committee. In turn, Jennifer Roberts with Lionel Sawyer & Collins and Maren Parry with Ballard Spahr LLP were appointed to fill the new seats.



2014 Bank Secrecy Act Conference FinCEN Director, Jennifer Shasky Calvery

On June 12th, the Section held the "2014 Bank Secrecy Act Conference" with sponsorship from Thomson Reuters, UNLV's International Gaming Institute and the American Gaming Association (AGA) in Washington D.C. The conference drew 440 registrations....the largest CLE event in the State Bar of Nevada's history. The attendees hailed from 22 states, two countries and 28 tribal casinos or regulatory jurisdictions. Jennifer Shasky Calvery, Director of the U.S Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), gave the keynote address. The seminar was developed in response to FinCEN's increased focus

on suspicious activity reporting and analysis. As such, the panels included discussions regarding developing adequate risk assessment programs and the importance of independent testing, the role of cash transaction and suspicious activity reporting in government investigations and the related trends, an in depth look at the Las Vegas Sands case, and a panel discussion concerning the regulatory expectations of FinCEN. This conference will become an annual event and is scheduled again for the Spring of 2015.

The pro bono program started by Executive Committee member, Scott Scherer to assist applicants appealing objections to their gaming employee registrations continues to grow. State Gaming Control Board Member Shawn Reid has ensured that the Board's objection letters provide applicants with information about the GLS pro bono service. Among those taking on cases, include Mike Alonso with Lewis Roca Rothgerber and Andy Moore with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

The Section anticipates publication of the "Nevada Gaming Law Practice & Procedure Manual" in 2015. 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.

On November 8, 2013, the "2013 Gaming Law Conference" was held at Red Rock Casino Resort Spa with LexisNexis sponsoring the lunch with keynote speaker, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly. The conference drew a record turnout of 160 attendees. The conference included a free breakfast sponsored by the AGA's

Global Gaming Women with keynote address by Punam Mathur on “The Ultimate Balancing Act: Retaining *Me* Amidst the Demands of Success.” The conference also featured panels concerning “Suitability and Redemption,” “The Evolution of Regulated Internet Gaming,” a “General Counsels’ Roundtable,” “Legal Ethics in Gaming Representation” and popular “Regulator Roundtable” with previous Nevada Gaming Commission Chairman, Peter C. Bernhard and State Gaming Control Board Chairman, A.G. Burnett.



2013 Gaming Law Conference
 Left -Right: A.G. Burnett, Chairman, State Gaming Control Board & Peter C. Bernhard, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Commission



2013 Gaming Law Conference
 Left - Right: Scott Milford, Paul Mathews, State Senator Greg Brower & Lars Perry

The “2014 Gaming Law Conference” will be held on Friday, November 7th at Red Rock Casino Resort. In its thirteenth 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 a “Female General Counsels” sponsored by the Global Gaming Women, “AB 360 Interim Legislative Committee” and a “Regulator Roundtable” with Board Chairman Burnett and newly appointed Commission Chairman Tony Alamo, M.D. The conference will also include one-hour of the newly required substance abuse credit “Problem Gambling and the Law: Implications for Clients, Companies & Others” with Dr. Bo Bernhard, Executive Director of UNLV’s International Gaming Institute and Stacy Tovino, JD, Ph.D., Professor of Law, William S. Boyd School of Law - UNLV. Finally, the two-hour ethics presentation will feature Stuart Tiecher, Esq. the “CLE Performer” on “Technetics: The Ethics of Social Media.” Online registrations are available for this event at <http://nvbar.org/cle/liveseminars>.



2014 Bank Secrecy Act Conference on June 12th at Red Rock Casino Resort Spa....
 (L-R) Jim Dowling, Dowling Advisory Group asking a question of Jason Carmen, IRS, BSA Casino Group Manager.

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

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