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I always look forward to the gaming law issue of *Nevada Lawyer*. This year, it is more important than ever. I sincerely hope that, by the time you are reading these thought-provoking articles from Sandra Douglass Morgan, Steve Yeager, Keith Pickard, Elijah Tredup and Scott Scherer, that we are all recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The gaming industry here in Nevada – the lifeblood of our economy – is currently rebuilding the lives of the 450,000 Nevadans who rely on gaming to feed their families, put a roof over their heads and send their kids to college.

As attorneys, we will play a huge role in this rebuild, whether it's ensuring that licensees comply with the regulatory structure that has made Nevada the best gaming jurisdiction in the world, or reaching out to small nonprofits that need help administering a wildly successful charitable lottery to serve our neighbors who have been hardest hit by the global crisis. And, if any of you find yourself needing to speak with someone about the effects that COVID-19 have had on your life, do not hesitate to reach out to the Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program, confidentially, at 866-828-0022. Please enjoy this issue!

