

SECTION SPOTLIGHT

Gaming Law Section Prioritizes Education, Charity

Founded in 1985, the Gaming Law Section (GLS) was revived in 2000 after being dormant for six years. Today, the GLS has approximately 200 members and is governed by a 12-member Executive Committee. Since 2000, the GLS has endeavored to further its mission of educating the members of the State Bar of Nevada and judiciary in the unique area of gaming law and regulation through seminars and publications, including:

- **Nevada Gaming Lawyer magazine:** Originally conceived as a biannual “GLS Newsletter” in 2005, the publication was reformatted to an annual magazine in 2007 and is now published on or about September 1. The magazine features articles from regulators, industry representatives and gaming law experts on trending topics. The 2020 edition will be the 13th year of the magazine. Prior issues are available at www.nvbar.org/content/gaming-law-section/.
- **GLS eNewsletter:** In 2019, the GLS began producing a digital-only publication on a quarterly basis to address current issues impacting the gaming industry. The Q1 2020 edition is available on the section’s web page on the State Bar’s website – Member Benefits > Sections > Gaming Law – and addresses whether the COVID-19 pandemic triggers force majeure clauses and the proposed regulatory changes to address armed security personnel in the gaming industry. The next issue will be available on the GLS web page listed above, along with past issues.
- **Gaming Law Conference:** The 2020 Gaming Law Conference will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa. This will be the 19th year of this event, which draws 250-300 attendees, including regulators, lawyers, accountants, members of the judiciary, gaming industry personnel and executives, as well as elected officials to hear from leading experts on topical items in gaming law and regulation, including areas affecting the gaming industry. Online registration for this year’s conference is available at <https://members.nvbar.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?SESSIONALTCD=CLE-4470-2002>.
- **Bank Secrecy Act Conference:** From 2014-2016, the GLS held an annual conference to address anti-money laundering issues that, in turn, were the most successful CLEs in the State Bar of Nevada’s recent history, drawing more than 400 attendees each year from across the country to hear from, among others, representatives at FinCEN, U.S. Department of Justice, IRS Criminal and FBI.
- **Pro Bono Gaming Employee Registration Program:** This program was established for indigent individuals to receive legal assistance to aid in their appeals to be registered as gaming employees with the Nevada Gaming Control Board. A brochure with practice tips for lawyers volunteering for a case assigned by a legal aid agency is available on the GLS web page above.
- **Nevada Gaming Law Practice and Procedure Manual (1st ed. 2016):** This first-of-its-kind manual sets forth the areas most common to the practice of gaming law in 18 chapters authored by regulators and leading gaming lawyers. For your copy, visit www.nvbar.org > Publications > Books and Manuals > State Bar Publications.
- **Nevada Gaming Law Index (2nd ed. 2019):** This research guide provides a compilation of case law (state and federal) and Nevada Attorney General Opinions concerning gaming law and related areas that can be easily searched using keywords or by legal citations. For your visit www.nvbar.org > Publications > Books and Manuals > State Bar Publications.

Finally, the GLS has had a long philanthropic history. To date, the section has donated more than \$500,000 dollars to fund scholarships and sponsorships at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, including contributions to the Global Gaming Women’s annual educational fundraiser *Kick Up Your Heels*, state and national high school mock trial competitions, the October 1 Las Vegas Victims fund, and most recently \$5,000 each to the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, and United Way of Southern Nevada to support ongoing efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic here in Nevada.