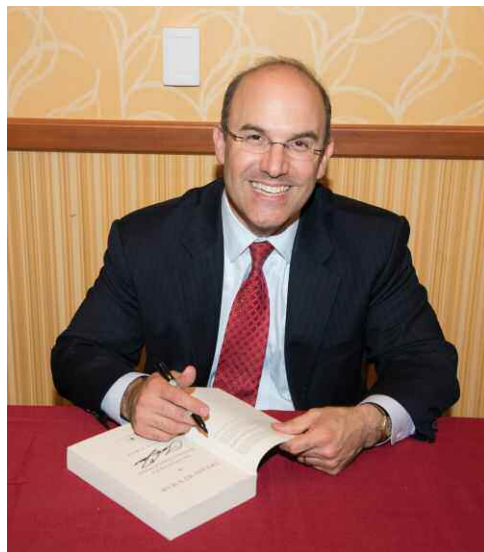


The Year in REVIEW: GLS UPDATE

By Jeff Rodefer

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer*. The Gaming Law Section has had a full agenda this year that was both exciting and somewhat hectic at times . . . The GLS held three CLEs and also sponsored three others events, funded new scholarships for the William S. Boyd School of Law's LL.M in Gaming Law and Regulation, and published the first edition of the *Nevada Gaming Law Practice and Procedure Manual*. In addition, Sean McGuinness left the Executive Committee after nine years of service and Jaime K. Black, Senior Research Analyst with the Nevada Gaming Control Board was appointed. Sean's contributions to the *Gaming Law Conference*, this publication and our Gaming Law Scholarship Golf Tournament over the years is greatly appreciated.

May 17th, the GLS held the 2016 BSA Conference at the South Point Hotel and Casino with sponsorships from Casino Essentials, Everi, the American Gaming Association, UNLV's International Gaming Institute, ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists), Ernst & Young, FinScan, NCC (National Cred-A-Chek, Inc.),



Keynote Speaker Juan C. Zarate, Chairman and Co-Founder, Financial Integrity Network and Senior National Security Analyst, CBS News (book signing "Treasury's War: The Unleashing of a New Era of Financial Warfare")

PricewaterhouseCoopers and Thomson Reuters. The conference drew nearly 400 attendees from across the country. The event kicked off with a keynote opening address by Chris Warrener, Deputy Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations with the FBI in Washington, D.C. Juan C. Zarate, Chairman and Co-Founder of the Financial Integrity Network and a Senior National Security Analyst for CBS News in New York provided the keynote lunch address. The featured panels included "Know Your Customer & Source of Wealth: Challenge of Third Party Transactions & Foreign Patrons," "What Data Analytics Should the Casino Use?," "AGA's Revised Best Practices: Implementing the

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Recommendations,” “FAFT Mutual Evaluation & Politically Exposed Persons-Foreign and Domestic,” “Case Studies: Recent Enforcement Actions & Why they Matter to Your Casino,” and “FinCEN Enforcement Process: SAR Violations & Why Casinos Are Missing Them?”

The success of the event is due, in large part, to the contributions of Jim Dowling of the Dowling Advisory Group in Pasadena, California, Kevin Rosenberg, Chairman of the Government Investigations & White Collar Crime Litigation Group at the Los Angeles law firm of Goldberg, Lowenstein and Weatherwax, LLP, Stephanie Hirsch and Marchelle Hedrick of the State Bar of Nevada’s CLE Department, Elizabeth Cronan with the AGA, Dr. Bo Bernhard, Executive Director of the International Gaming Institute, Kacy Drury, Senior Vice President of Administration with Everi and Mindy Letourneau of Casino Essentials. The 2017 BSA Conference is already in the planning stages.



Jim Dowling, Managing Director, Dowling Advisory Group, Paul Camacho, VP of AML Compliance, Station Casinos, LLC and Jeff Silver, Esq.



(L-R) Dr. Bo Bernhard, Ph.D., Executive Director, International Gaming Institute, UNLV, Juan C. Zarate and Peter C. Bernhard, Former Chairman, Nevada Gaming Commission.



(L-R) Stephanie Budnyk, Director of Regulatory Compliance, Rivers Casino and Raymond E. Dillion, IRS-BSA Acting Casino Group Manager, AML Program



Jason Carmen, IRS-BSA Casino Group Manager and Gregory Lisa, Chief-MSB & Casinos Section, Enforcement Division, FinCEN

The pro bono program, under the leadership of Scott Scherer, continues to grow as it assists indigent applicants seeking to appeal objections to their gaming employee registrations. Nevada 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 the past twelve months, included Jennifer Roberts and Jeffrey A. Silver. It is important to note that this program’s success is product of the enthusiasm and guidance of Melanie Kushnir, Executive Director of the Legal Center of Southern Nevada. Melanie’s passion for helping others was remarkable. Although she was

with us far too briefly, she left an inedible mark on our community and state.

In June, with Vice Chairman Greg Giordano's oversight and coordination, the GLS published the *Nevada Gaming Law Practice and Procedure Manual*, a first-of-its-kind reference and research guide for gaming and non-gaming practitioners. It features 18 chapters written by various gaming lawyers and regulators in such areas as 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. Special thank you to Mark Lerner for assisting with the final proofreading and edits and Jenni Smith, Publications Manager with the State Bar of Nevada. The *Manual* is available for purchase online (at <http://sbn.peachnewmedia.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=72633>) in either a digital format or hardcopy/digital bundle with discounts for GLS members. For more information about the *Manual*, see the ad on page 7.



This past August, the GLS held a joint 3-hour CLE with the Entertainment Law Section entitled *The Intersection of Entertainment and Gaming*. The conference addressed the "Live Entertainment Tax," "Music Licensing, Audits and Cover Bands," and "Entertainment Contracts and Publicity Rights."

On November 6, 2015, the *2015 Gaming Law Conference* was held at Red Rock Casino Resort Spa with keynote speaker, Timothy J. Wilmott, CEO, President and Director of Penn National Gaming, Inc. The conference drew approximately 160 attendees. The event started with Daniel W. Hamilton, Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV providing an update on the new LL.M in Gaming Law and Regulation program. The panels included discussions on "Information Risk Management: Providing Effective Counsel to Your Company,"



"2015 Legislative Update on Gaming," "Gaming Enforcement Issues," "Regulators Roundtable," and two hours of ethics with Stuart Tiecher, Esq., the CLE Performer who entertained and enlightened the attendees with "The Fear Factor: How Good Lawyers Get Into Bad Trouble."

The *2016 Gaming Law Conference* will be held on Friday, November 4th at Red Rock Casino Resort. In its 15th 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 conference will provide three hours of general CLE credit, 2 hours of ethics and one hour of substance abuse credits. The panels will include the popular "Regulators Roundtable" with Dr. Tony Alamo, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission and A.G. Burnett, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, "Problem Gambling," "eSports," "Pre-Paid Accounts," and an ethics presentation that ties to



the ever increasing concerns about cybersecurity. New this year will be a mixer, “Meet Your Regulators: Past and Present” to be held the night before on November 3rd in the T-Bones Chophouse

at the Red Rock Casino Resort. The mixer will be free to those registering for the conference who RSVP by October 26th. Online registrations are available for this event at <http://nvbar.org/cle/liveseminars>. For more information about the conference and its lineup of speakers, please review the full-page ad inside the back cover of this issue.

The GLS has continued its long partnership with the William S. Boyd School of Law by sponsoring the Robert D. Faiss Lecture Series featuring Gavin Isaacs, CEO of Scientific Games and the Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition. In addition, the GLS was also a sponsor of the Global Gaming Women’s “The Power of Technology” conference.



Finally, the GLS proudly funded \$40,000 in scholarships to be awarded over a four-period between 2016 through 2019 in the LL.M Gaming Law and Regulation program. Two students, as selected by the law school, will each receive a \$5,000 “Gaming Law Scholarship.” For more information, please read Brian Wall’s article in this issue on page 12.

As always, we want your feedback. If you would like to speak at a conference or write an article, or have suggestions for events or publications, please contact Lori Wolk, 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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