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**International Center for Gaming Regulation Appoints Distinguished Fellows for Expanded Focus on Domestic and Tribal Gaming Policy**

*Chris Grove, Professors Steven Light and Kathryn Rand Appointed Fellowships*

**NEVADA –** The International Center for Gaming Regulation (the Center) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has appointed three Distinguished Fellows to further advance the Center’s thought leadership, research and educational mission. Appointments were made as part of the Center’s first phase of expansion, which focuses on examining and addressing domestic gaming policy and regulation. The Fellows were appointed to serve an annual Fellowship with the Center.

“The Center is the only organization in the gaming ecosystem that provides an agnostic, independent platform uniquely positioned to accommodate discussions about current and future regulatory and policy issues, maintaining the Center as a trusted resource for governments and industry collaboration,” said Joe Bertolone, Executive Director. “Our Distinguished Fellows bring their subject-matter expertise, experiences and relationships to help the Center expand our important work. They, along with our Center faculty and staff, will help shape our core mission by acting as a trusted resource to help policymakers create effective regulation.”

Phase one of the Center’s Fellowship expansion prioritizes expertise on domestic matters, including areas of special focus in iGaming, sports betting, and tribal gaming. There is a great deal of expansion to still take place in these areas, and the Center will be positioned to respond and assist. In a second phase of expansion, the Center also plans on adding international Fellows to its leadership team in the latter half of 2021.

“As tribal gaming continues to surpass commercial gaming in terms of gross gaming revenue, scope and employment, our newest Senior Distinguished Fellows, Professors Kathryn Rand and Steve Light, along with Distinguished Fellow Chris Grove, will allow the Center to focus on tribal gaming matters, including a keen understanding of the merging of sports and iGaming,” said Bertolone. “We are lucky to be associated with Chris, Kathryn and Steve, as they are highly regarded in their fields.”

Distinguished Fellow Chris Grove is a nationally recognized expert in the U.S. sports betting and online gambling sectors. Groves is a partner at Eilers & Krejcik Gaming, and his work has been cited by outlets including Bloomberg, ESPN, Forbes, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal. He has testified before policymakers in multiple states including California, Illinois, New York, Nevada, and Washington State. Grove serves as Executive Vice President of Acquisitions at Acies Acquisition Corp (NASDAQ: ACAC), a special-purpose acquisition company chaired by former MGM Resorts CEO Jim Murren. He is also an early-stage investor with positions in over a dozen gaming-related startups.

Senior Distinguished Fellow Kathryn Rand is the Floyd B. Sperry Professor and former Dean of the UND School of Law. Senior Distinguished Fellow Steven Light is a Professor of Political Science and Public Administration and former Dean of the UND College of Business & Public Administration. Rand and Light have authored some 60 publications, including three books, exploring why tribally owned casinos came to be and how they have remade the legal, political, and regulatory landscape for gaming and socioeconomic development across the U.S. Light and Rand have testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and have been featured speakers at numerous university and gaming industry events throughout the world. They are frequent commentators on tribal gaming, and have been quoted in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, Bloomberg, NPR, and Indian Country Today.

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