Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Regulatory Programs

- June 18-21 Fundamentals of Regulation for Land-Based Casinos
- June 25-27 Pre-Licensing Financial & Background Investigations
- July 9 & 10 Understanding Sports
 Betting
- July 16 & 17 Advanced Pre-Licensing Investigation Techniques
- July 23 & 24 Advanced Sports Betting
- August 20 Essentials of Gaming Law & Regulation
- August 27 & 28 Creating an Effective Compliance Program
- September 10-12 Casino Audit
- September 17-19 Pre-Licensing Financial & Background Investigations
- October 8 & 9 Understanding Sports Betting
- October 14 & 15 Advanced Pre-Licensing Investigation Techniques
- October 22 & 23 Advanced Sports Betting
- November 13 Essentials of Gaming Law & Regulation
- December 10-13 Fundamentals of Regulation for Land-Based Casinos

See our complete calendar at unlv.edu/icgr/calendar

Inaugural U.S. Sports Betting Forum Highlights the Center's Leadership in Gaming Regulation



On May 15, the UNLV International Center for Gaming Regulation (ICGR) finalized the formation, launch, and first convening of the U.S. Sports Betting Forum designed to convene stakeholders to discuss policy and regulatory issues relating to legal sports wagering.

Over the past year, after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, seven states have enacted legalized sports betting but with each state implementing its own sets of regulations overseeing betting. Nevada is the perfect state to operate a sports bettting forum due to the state's decades long history, experience and data on regulated sports betting. One of the Center's main goals was to challenge mutlitple stakeholders to get together and discuss issues at the forefront of this hot topic.

Held in Boston, Massachusetts, at the ICE North America Expo, attendees at the inaugural event included regulators from across the U.S., sportsbook operators, payment companies, sports integrity groups and a representative from the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers.

The Internationl Center for Gaming Regulation is looking forward to its next meeting of the U.S. Sports Betting Forum in the fall of 2019.

International Center for Gaming Regulation Journeys to Puerto Rico, Ghana, and Hosts Austria Study Program

The first half of 2019 created many teaching and speaking opportunities for the International Center for Gaming Regulation across the globe and in Las Vegas. In March, the Center's Becky Harris, former Nevada Gaming Control Board chairwoman and an academic fellow with an emphasis in the study of sports betting, spoke before a team of regulators in Puerto Rico. Becky delivered a keynote address on Nevada's successful sports betting regulation and how its principles could be duplicated within other global jurisdictions.

In March, the Center travelled to Ghana in West Africa for a week long program on gaming regulation. Jennifer Roberts, Associate Director, and attorney and instructor, Greg Gemignani, had a full classroom the entire week and spoke on issues such as sports betting, compliance, anti-money laundering, enforcement, audit and internal controls and pre-licensing. The program, sponsored by the Gaming Commission of Ghana, was open to regulators and operators and featured compelling engagement and learning by all attendees.

In April, the Center hosted MBA students from Danube University Krems in Austria for a 4-day program on gaming, integrated resorts, and hospitality. The program featured great content including seminars on responsible gaming, casino operations and the vision for the casino of the future. The study trip also featured tours at slot manufacturer Ainsworth Technology, a historical tour of the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, a vibrant discussion of esports at The Wall at The Rio, and a behind the scenes tour at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino. The group finished with a trip through breathtaking Red **Rock Canyon National Conservation Area** before our farewell dinner.



New Research Coming July

This July, the Center will publish two papers aimed at current topics of interest to the global gambling regulatory community.

Dr. Doug Walker's primary research interest has been on the economic and social impacts of gambling, particularly U.S. casino gambling and is regarded as one of the top experts in the world on this issue he's been studying since 1995. Dr. Walker's research will focus on whether a dispersed or clustered model, controlling for the number of casinos, is more effective at attracting tourists and maximizing revenues.

Dr. Dusan Pavlovic, whose research focus is on personal data protection, processing and online gambling, is studying the interaction between one of the most common measures of responsible gambling, the self-exclusion mechanism, and principles of General Data Protection Regulation. The project will present how the application of GDPR principles affects the functioning of different types of self-exclusion mechanisms.

Look for this research on our social channels and website in July.

Coming Soon: New Advanced Pre-Licensing Investigation Techniques

Based on attendee feedback, we are introducing our newest program this July: Advanced Pre-Licensing Investigation Techniques. This program is designed to enhance the skills taught in our Pre-Licensing Financial & Background Investigations program even further to handle more complex domestic and foreign investigations. Topics will include discovery of relevant financial information and asset verification, analysis and interpretation of financial statements and business valuations, communicating complex findings in an investigative report, preparing for an investigative interview with a court reporter and working with attorneys.

Our team of instructors for this program include Julie Damavandi who worked for the Nevada Gaming Control Board for 18 years in the Investigations Division and Sally Elloyan who spent over 30 years in the field of gaming regulation including time in the Investigations and Administration Divisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

Visit our website for more details on this program and to see our full calendar of events.

Sports Betting Programs Feature Behind the Scene Tours

Sports betting is on the forefront of jurisdictions across the globe. Did you know that both of our programs, Understanding Sports Betting and Advanced Sports Betting Regulation, include behind the scenes tours of a Las Vegas sports betting company? The tour includes Q & A with operators who want to engage and answer all of your questions on operations, revenue, and risk management.

Visit our website at unlv.edu/icgr/calendar to register for one of our upcoming programs and enjoy this exciting and exclusive tour!

