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UNLV Research Included in the Senate Record in Washington D.C. Sports Betting Hearings

UNLV's International Center for Gaming Regulation ("ICGR" or "The Center") is pleased to announce that our Research Fellow for 2020 Professor Ryan M. Rodenberg's white paper Regulating Sports Betting Data along with a written statement were included in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's official hearing record following the July 22, 2020 Congressional hearing in Washington D.C. Both Rodenberg's white paper and statement will be formally transmitted to the Library of Congress as part of the hearing's official record.

Rodenberg's research, sponsored by the ICGR, examines collegiate and sports data generated on the field of play and the legalities, ownership and uses in sports betting. One timely aspect that remains untouched: whether regulatory scrutiny—largely in the form of antitrust policy in the United States—would attach to commercial efforts bent on consolidating data access and sales. His research addresses key practical issues facing the gaming industry—the regulation of data and information databases as the US sports betting market continues to expand.

Ryan M. Rodenberg, a JD and associate professor with tenure at Florida State University, had his non-academic writing published in a variety of mainstream media outlets. In 2016-17, he filed two US Supreme Court amicus briefs in the New Jersey sports wagering litigation. In 2016, he testified before Congress on the topic of sports betting. Rodenberg's research was accepted for publication in the December 2020 issue of the UNLV Gaming Law Journal and was a 2020 Research Fellow at the International Center for Gaming Regulation.

The Center's latest call for research submissions is aimed at current topics of interest to the global gambling community that would be of immediate value to policy makers, suppliers, operators and regulators as they make key decisions.

According to Joseph Bertolone, Executive Director of the ICGR, "Sponsoring this type of research is one of the pillars of the ICGR. Not only is it timely and topical, it provides a baseline understanding of a continuing and expanding race for sports data use and ownership. As gaming, sports and entertainment continue to converge, we want to be at the forefront for our stakeholders."

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