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Jeff is in private practice primarily focusing on gaming and regulatory matters, gaming compliance, and general corporate. He previously worked for 15 years as in-house corporate counsel for two public gaming companies. He also served over 13 years in the Nevada Attorney General's Office, including more than eight years as counsel to the Nevada Gaming Commission and Nevada Gaming Control Board. He is the author of, among other publications, the *Nevada Gaming Law Index* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1999, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2019); and *Internet Gambling in Nevada: Overview of Federal Law Affecting Assembly Bill 466*, 6 Gaming Law Review 393 (2002). Jeff is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting) and earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon. In addition to the State Bar of Nevada, Jeff is also a member of the State Bars of California, Colorado and Oregon. In 1993, the Nevada Supreme Court appointed him to serve on the Functional Equivalency Committee where he currently serves as the Chairman. In 2010, the State Bar of Nevada named Jeff its first recipient of the "Volunteer Lawyer of the Year" award. In 2012, he was appointed as a Trustee to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, where he serves a Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 2016, he was appointed to the Gaming Law Advisory Board at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law. In 2022, Governor Steve Sisolak appointed him to serve on the Nevada Tax Commission.

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Greg is a partner and the Vice Chairman of the Gaming Practice Group in the Las Vegas office of the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. Greg began his private gaming law practice in 1993 by working with Bob Faiss in the Gaming and Regulatory Law Department of the law firm of Lionel Sawyer & Collins for almost 13 years. Prior to joining Bob Faiss at Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Greg served for 4 years as the first Chief of the Corporate Securities Division of the Nevada State Gaming Control Board, and before that Greg served as a Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office for 5 years, with the last 1 ½ years thereof in the Gaming Division. Greg graduated summa cum laude in 1978 with a B.A. degree in Business Administration/Accounting and History from the College of Notre Dame (now known as Notre Dame de Namur University) in Belmont, CA. He obtained his J.D. degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 1981. Besides the State Bar of Nevada and its Gaming Law Section, Greg is also a member of the State Bar of California, the ABA, the International Masters of Gaming Law, and the International Association of Gaming Advisors, where he is a former Trustee. In addition, Greg currently serves as the Chair of the ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division's Gaming Law Committee, and as a Vice Chair of the ABA's Business Law Section's Gaming Law Committee. Greg is also named in The Best Lawyers in America®, Gaming Law, 2005-2018 editions, and Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Gaming & Licensing, 2005-2018 editions, and Mountain States Super Lawyers 2008-2018.

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Jaime serves as the Chief of the Administration Division for the Nevada Gaming Control Board having previously held the position of Senior Research Specialist for the NGCB. Prior to her employment with the NGCB, Jaime was an associate attorney with an insurance defense litigation firm in Reno. She was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 2009 and Florida Bar (inactive) in 2008. She received a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science from California State University of Fresno in 2003. She graduated from Barry University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, in the top 4% of her class, in 2008. During law school, she served as the Associate Editor (2006-2007) and the Symposium Editor (2007-2008) for the Barry Law Review, and was a member of the Moot Court Honors Board. She also served as law clerk to the Honorable Melvin T. Brunetti, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2008-2009).

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Lou recently joined Bally's Corporation (NYSE: BALY) as Vice President of Legal Operations, and previously served as the Chief Legal Officer for Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. (NASDAQ: MCRI). Prior to joining Monarch, Lou served as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for private equity firms that owned and operated various casino resorts in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lou was also previously an associate with the law firm of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., where his practice was concentrated on business, finance, and gaming matters. Lou's background and experience in gaming law includes serving as a former Chief of the Corporate Securities Division of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, and as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada, where he represented the Nevada Gaming Commission and the Nevada Gaming Control Board. During his five years with the Attorney General's Office, Lou also represented the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Department of Taxation. Lou received his B.A. degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1990, and his J.D. degree from Lewis and Clark School of Law in 1994.

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Erica is Vice Chair of the Global Gaming Practice of the law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP and is based in the firm's Las Vegas office. She has deep experience handling complex and novel gaming licensing, operational, and regulatory matters for U.S. and international gaming companies. Erica represents land-based and online casino companies, sports wagering operators, manufacturers and distributors, as well as other companies providing services to the gaming industry. She also has wide-ranging experience with analyzing and structuring social games, skill-based contests, and sweepstakes. Erica received a "40 Under 40 Award" from *Global Gaming Business Magazine* in 2016, was named On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyer by the American Bar Association in 2020, was awarded the Rising Star by *VIXIO Gambling Compliance* at the 2020 Global Regulatory Awards, and was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Gaming Law in Las Vegas by *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2023. Also, she has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Gaming Law since 2019, in *Mountain States Super Lawyers* Rising Stars in 2021, in *Chambers USA* for Gaming & Licensing as an Associate to Watch in 2021 and Up and Coming in 2022, and in *Vegas, Inc.* in Top Lawyers – Gaming. Erica received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and French from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She graduated *magna cum laude* from William S. Boyd School of Law. During law school, she was the Editor-in-Chief of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* and a member of the Society of Advocates moot court team.

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Maren is an Associate attorney at the law firm of Ballard Spahr LLP practicing primarily in the areas of administrative law and government affairs with a focus on land use and gaming. She regularly assists clients in obtaining privileged licenses and government approvals related to gaming and liquor, in addition to other regulated business types. Maren is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Las Vegas and a regular volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club and the Legal Aid of Southern Nevada Ask-A-Lawyer clinics. She is a member of the International Association of Gaming Advisers where she has served as an ambassador for new membership, and is currently a member of the Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award committee. Maren is a graduate of the William S. Boyd School of Law where she obtained her J.D. in 2005, and where she now serves on the Gaming Law Advisory Committee. She received her undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University in 2002. Maren is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

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Jennifer Roberts is General Counsel of Wynn Interactive and WynnBET, a mobile sports betting and casino provider. She briefly served in roles as General Counsel and Vice President of Compliance for GameCo, an arcade-style gambling and esports betting company, and as the Director of Sports Gaming Regulation for the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. She was the Associate Director and interim Executive Director of the International Center for Gaming Regulation at University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she created a curriculum for educating regulators on sports betting and casino regulatory issues; established the U.S. Sports Betting Forum; and advised governments, including Japan, on the development of a casino regulatory structure and system. Ms. Roberts practiced gaming law with her own law firm, Roberts Gaming Law, Ltd.; as a partner at Duane Morris LLP; and for 13 years as a shareholder in the Gaming & Regulatory Department of Lionel Sawyer & Collins, a Nevada-based law firm. Her gaming law practice included representation of clients in all areas of sports betting and gaming law, including licensing, audits and tax matters, enforcement and compliance, and gaming law and regulatory development. She is currently an adjunct professor in gaming law at both the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah.

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