

FOREWORD

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The William S. Boyd School of Law is delighted to launch the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*. The *Journal* is an important part of the Law School's mission to serve our community while providing an exceptional education to our students. The *Journal* will certainly do both. Gaming has been an important part of the Nevada economy for over 75 years, and it is an increasingly important economic activity throughout the United States and around the world.¹ The ability of the industry to operate effectively and in a way that is socially positive turns on the fact that the industry is heavily regulated. As the industry expands, the demands on the systems of regulation grow ever-more complex and demanding. The *Journal* will play a significant role in examining the nuance and scope of the overlapping and sometimes conflicting legal regimes, the effectiveness of which are essential to the long-term stability of the gaming industry.

This is the second journal at the Boyd School of Law, providing our students additional opportunities to experience the joys of law journal life. Specialty journals are a time-honored and valuable tradition at Law Schools.² In addition to expanding the scope of student publication of scholarly articles, specialty journals allow for focused examination of important areas of law and society.³ Students will review articles, accepting some which they will edit and publish. These articles will explore the diverse areas of law that are touched by gaming regulation. More significantly, perhaps, students will be engaged in a major illustration of modern legal regimes: close regulation of activities that carry significant social risks in order to ensure that social benefits are realized. This description is easily transferred to many other areas, including energy production and distribution, manufacturing, and even the commonplace development of housing or production of food. In other words, the *Journal's* subject will offer our students a window on other aspects of the modern legal world.

We are pleased to have the support of the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL) and several of their associated firms in the publication of the *Journal*. IMGL attorneys have long focused on study of and education on the

¹ Today, forty-eight of the fifty states have some form of legalized gaming, see Frank Vandall, *Why We Are Outraged: An Economic Analysis of Internet Gambling*, 7 RICH. J. GLOBAL L. & BUS. 291, 291 (2008); "States with Gaming," AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (2010), and over 150 countries have gaming in some form. See William N. Thompson, *Casinos de Juegos del Mundo: A survey of World Gambling*, ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE 11, 12 (1998); *Worldwide Casinos, Horse Tracks, and Other Gaming*, CASINO CITY (2010), <http://www.casinocity.com/casinos/>.

² The number of specialized law reviews is expanding, though there have been specialized law reviews for over 100 years. See Tracey E. George and Chris Guthrie, *An Empirical Evaluation of Specialized Law Reviews*, 26 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 813, 814-24 (1999).

³ George and Guthrie attribute the original emergence and current expansion of specialty law reviews to a demand for specialization in legal education, among other factors. See *id.*, at 815-18.

intricacies of gaming law and regulation. They have also published, in conjunction with several law reviews, annual issues examining gaming law and regulation. The Boyd School of Law's *Nevada Law Journal* was happy to be the host journal for the IMGL series just six years ago. Our collaboration with IMGL provides a long-term forum for engagement of issues on gaming law and regulation and, we hope, an ongoing conversation about important issues in the field.