

PRACTITIONER ISSUE: A COLLECTION OF ORAL HISTORIES, EXPERT COMMENTARIES,
AND PRACTITIONER RESEARCH
FROM GAMING ATTORNEYS AND PROMINENT GAMING INDUSTRY FIGURES

EDITOR'S NOTE

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The *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* is proud to publish Volume 8: Issue 1, which is intended to provide beneficial information to gaming law practitioners and professionals through a collection of oral histories, expert commentaries, and practitioner research. *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* staff conducted recorded interviews with prominent gaming industry figures, which were then transcribed and edited for publication as oral histories and expert commentaries. Despite our edits to improve clarity and readability, we took special care to preserve the original message, context, and character of the spoken word.

The oral histories and expert commentaries illustrate how each narrator's memory of facts, experiences, and circumstances have shaped their perception of the gaming industry and the world around them. The *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* staff has authenticated certain major dates, events, and factual references, where possible, and included footnotes to provide context or further information. It is important to note, however, that these are the *personal* histories and commentaries of each narrator, told as the narrator's remember and perceive them. As such, the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* cannot guarantee that each oral history and expert commentary is free from the fallacy of human memory. The unedited transcripts and recordings are in the possession of the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* and are available for review upon request.

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