Gaming Law Minefield Conference, Feb. 20-21, 2020 -- Draft Schedule

DAY ONE

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome

8:45 - 9:15 Opening Remarks (Guest Speaker to be selected)

9:15 - 10:30 The World Gaming Market: What is New; What is Hot; What is a Train Wreck

Regulators in the European Union, Canada, South/Central America, Far East, Africa, Australia and Canada have taken the lead in addressing the challenges of internet gaming, sports books, lotteries, esports, virtual games and other creative products hitting the marketplace that constitute regulating gambling activity and/or that tread the thin line between gambling and entertainment. Should the approaches taken worldwide impact the thinking and actions taken by United States regulators in the ever changing and very challenging United States gaming market? This panel of industry representatives will address this compelling issue in an attendee interactive discussion format.

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:30 Sports Betting - Is it Living Up to Expectations and its future forms

The oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court in New Jersey’s challenge of the PASPA sports book limitations have led to speculation that the Supreme Court will open the door for states to enact sports book legislation. The decision will come down before the current Supreme Court term concludes the end of June 2018. The panel will address what the industry and state legislatures and regulators are doing in anticipation of a favorable sport book decision.

11:30 - 12:00 Competitive Challenges in the Commercial Gaming Market (Joe Weinert - Spectrum Gaming)

The conference will be presented with an update on the competitive challenges faced by commercial gambling businesses and their suppliers.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (with speaker to be determined)

1:30 - 2:30 The Wire Act: Latest Developments and Ongoing Issues

2:00 - 3:15 Gaming in Indian Country: A Competitive Landscape (Alan Meister)

The Indian Country panels will start out with a presentation on the current state of gaming in Indian Country.

3:15 - 3:30 Break

3:30 - 4:15 Current Gaming Regulatory Issues in Indian Country

4:15 - 5:00 Sovereign Immunity in Indian Country
DAY TWO

8:30 - 8:45  Day Two Welcome Remarks

8:45 - 9:15  Day Two Opening Remarks

9:15 - 10:00  Regulatory Challenges: Esports; Virtual Games; Skill Games

The millennials (generally defined to be the 18 to 34 age group) comprise over 75 million persons in the United States. Their tech savvy and entertainment genres are presenting significant challenges and opportunities to both the gambling and strictly entertainment components of the gaming industry. The panel will discuss how legislatures, regulators, the gambling industry and the gaming entertainment industry are addressing these challenges and opportunities.

10:00 - 10:15  Break

10:15 - 11:00  The Future of Fantasy Sports

11:00 - 12:00 Compulsive Gaming: A Primer on Emerging Detection and Treatment

Governments and regulators through the world are continuing to expand their focus on compulsive gaming activity, its detection and prevention. The panel will discuss the latest trends in detecting and addressing compulsive gaming with a candid focus on the inherent problems in addressing the issue without materially adversely impacting the industry.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break (No Speaker: Everyone on their own)

1:00 - 2:30  Legal Ethics: Professionalism; Substance Abuse: A Primer for Lawyers

This three plus hour presentation is designed to fulfill the continuing education requirements established by state bar associations and state law licensing agencies relating to legal ethics, professionalism and substance abuse. The panel will discuss a variety of factual situations and address the professional obligations of legal counsel in each situation. The session usually generates a lively discussion amongst the panelists and with the lawyers sitting in the session.

2:30 - 2:45  Break

2:45 -4:15  Legal Ethics: Professionalism; Substance Abuse: A Primer for Lawyers (Continued)

This session is a continuation of the legal ethics, professionalism and substance abuse discussions discussed by the panel prior to the brief break.

4:15 - 5:00  Post Conference Reception