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Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, CA

Thursday, February 26, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Registration

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Opening Keynote Address

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.  Looking Back  
The inaugural iGaming Legislative Symposium was held here in Sacramento one year ago. How have things changed in California over the past year? What new developments have occurred and how have they changed the playing field? Who are the new players? Has the tepid performance of iGaming in existing US markets had an effect on California’s efforts to legalize iGaming? Hear answers to these questions and more as a panel of iGaming experts reviews the course of recent events and discusses their implications for the future.

9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  Looking Forward  
California once again stands on the threshold of legalizing iGaming. Is this déjà vu or will 2015 be the year? What are the realistic prospects for legalizing Internet poker in California? How will it happen (or not) and who will be the winners and the losers in this debate? How will legalized Internet poker change the current landscape for tribal gaming operators and how do they prepare for these changes? Watch panelist chart the future for tribal iGaming in California in this exciting discussion.

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Networking Refreshment Break

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  iGaming Rollout  
Interactive wagering is now legal in three US states. Is their performance meeting expectations? What lessons can California learn from other jurisdictions with experience in iGaming rollout? Learn first-hand from participating suppliers, operators, and regulators how they are dealing with implementation, platform technology, geolocation, online payments, licensing, “bad actors,” player acquisition and retention, and other critical issues impacting the rollout of iGaming in the US. This panel presents an invaluable primer on best practices for new iGaming jurisdictions.
11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.  Responsible iGaming
This is not usually a topic that you hear discussed at gaming conferences but it is an issue which will be extremely relevant to legalized iGaming. What should California expect in terms of gambling addiction when 24/7 access becomes a reality? What will the state need to do to protect the players and to address potential problems? What tools are available and which organizations can best make use of them? How will iGaming compare to land-based gaming in the critical aspects of problem gambling? Professionals in the field of gambling addiction and treatment will provide a unique perspective into the potential benefits and pitfalls for legal, responsible Internet wagering.

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Luncheon Keynote Address

2:20 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.  Regulators Forum
As California prepares for the eventual introduction of iGaming, it must also prepare a regulatory scheme that both maintains integrity and is workable for the stakeholders. Of what value are the experiences in Delaware, Nevada and New Jersey? Do prospective operators have, or need, additional in-house or third-party expertise to ensure compliance? To what extent can current land-based regulations be applied to online operations – and are there areas where they are in conflict? Join regulatory experts and operators in this critical discussion.

3:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Legislation
From taxation to a bad-actors clause to consumer protections, any iGaming legislation is loaded with flash points that can either doom or assure passage. What works for some Native American operators may not work for others – and may not work for legislators, either. As California embarks on another legislative push to legalize online poker, this panel of legislators, lobbyist and operators will share their insights on what is and isn’t resonating in the State Capitol.

4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks

4:05 p.m.  Networking Reception

Program concludes

Agenda as of 7/25/14 and subject to change