

**Gaming Law Conference: Regulating Land Based Casinos Conference  
September 2, 2016**

September 2, 2016	Topic
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Special Breakfast Session</b> International Center for Gaming Regulation: Its Role in a Changing Regulatory Environment
9:00am-10:00am	Addressing Problem Gambling Speaker: Gary Ehrlich, Catania Law
10:15am-11:00am	The Socio-Economic Impacts of Indian Gaming Speaker: Kathryn Rand, University of North Dakota Speaker: Steven Light, University of North Dakota
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<b>BREAK</b>
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Indian Gaming-What are the Challenges Facing Indian Casinos? Moderator: Addie Rolnick, William S. Boyd Law School Speaker: Tuari Bigknife, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians Speaker: Katherine Spilde, San Diego State University (SDSU)
12:30 pm-1:45pm	Keynote Introduction Speaker: Ngai Pindell, UNLV <b>Lunch Keynote Speaker</b> Speaker: Commissioner E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, National Indian Gaming Commissioner
2:00 pm-3:00pm	National Indian Gaming Commission Update Moderator: Norman Des Rosiers, former NIGC Commissioner Speaker: Loretta Tuell, Greenberg Traurig Speaker: E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, National Indian Gaming Commissioner
3:00 pm-3:45 pm	What's the Future of Regulated Indian Gaming Moderator: Steven Light, University of North Dakota Speaker: Kathryn Rand, University of North Dakota Speaker: Chris Stearns, Washington State Gambling Commission
3:45pm	Closing Remarks Speakers: Dean Daniel Hamilton and Anthony Cabot

## **Day 1 Speaker Bios**

### **Gary Ehrlich, Vice President of Catania Gaming Consultants**

Mr. Ehrlich is an attorney licensed in New Jersey and New York. He serves as, an international gaming consultancy providing services to clients on issues involving both land-based and Internet gaming. His expertise in casino gaming stems from his many years of service as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement. In that capacity, he either supervised or handled personally many significant casino licensing and regulatory investigations, as well as important litigation and appeals before the New Jersey Casino Control Commission and state and federal courts including the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Ehrlich also has significant experience with Internet gambling issues, having served as one of the experts in New Jersey government, providing information to both the Executive and Legislative branches, and drafting Internet gambling legislation. He also served as Chair of the Internet Gambling Task Force, a working group consisting of representatives of various States, the United States government, and foreign jurisdictions, focusing on Internet gambling activity and public policy. He is a past member of the International Association of Gaming Regulators, and remains a member of the International Masters of Gaming Law.

Mr. Ehrlich has authored numerous law review articles, has appeared on many gaming-related seminar panels, and has been recognized by a federal court as an expert on New Jersey gaming law. He is a co-author of "Regulating Internet Gaming" (2013) and "Regulating Land-Based Casinos (1st ed. 2014), and taught gaming law as an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School. He has a B.S. degree from Seton Hall University, a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, and an LL.M. from New York University School of Law. Mr. Ehrlich served as law clerk to the Honorable Richard J. Hughes, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey and former Governor of New Jersey.

### **Steven Andrew Light, Co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy at the University of North Dakota (UND)**

The Institute is the first university-affiliated research institute dedicated to the study of Indian gaming. Light is Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Interim Dean of Nursing & Professional Disciplines, and Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at UND. With Kathryn R.L. Rand, he has co-authored over forty publications exploring how tribally owned casinos have changed American Indian communities and influenced political and legal systems throughout the U.S. Their books include Indian Gaming Law and Policy (new edition forthcoming), Indian Gaming Law: Cases and Materials, and Indian Gaming and Tribal Sovereignty: The Casino Compromise, which was featured C-SPAN's Book TV. Light has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. He is quoted regularly in such media as the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Indian Country Today.

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**Addie Rolnick, Associate Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd Law School**

Addie Rolnick joined UNLV from UCLA School of Law, where she was the inaugural Critical Race Studies Fellow. Her scholarship focuses on bridging gaps between civil rights, Critical Race Theory, federal Indian law, and indigenous rights. Prior to joining the academy, she represented tribal governments as an attorney with a top Native rights firm in Washington, D.C., where she was a leading advocate on law enforcement and juvenile justice issues. She has also assisted tribes with institution building in the areas of juvenile justice, child welfare, constitution drafting, and justice system development. She received her J.D. and M.A. in American Indian Studies from UCLA and is a graduate of Oberlin College.

**Katherine Spilde, Associate Professor in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University (SDSU)**

Dr. Katherine Spilde is an Associate Professor in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University (SDSU), where she also serves as Endowed Chair of the Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming. In this position, she developed and now teaches all 5 classes that comprise the nation's only 4-year degree in Tribal Casino Operations Management. Before moving to California, Dr. Spilde was a Sr. Research Associate at the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and was previously the Director of Research for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). Her first job in Washington, DC was staff member for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which produced a comprehensive study of gambling policy for President Clinton in 1999. She has a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from UC Santa Cruz and a MBA in entrepreneurial management from UC-Riverside.

**Ngai Pindell, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at UNLV**

Professor Pindell earned his J.D. degree in 1996 from Harvard University, where he served as executive editor of the *Harvard Black Letter Journal*. After graduation, Professor Pindell practiced community development law in a nonprofit law firm in Baltimore, Maryland. He was later a Fellow, and also Visiting Assistant Professor, at

the University of Baltimore School of Law where he taught the Community Development Clinic. Professor Pindell came to the Boyd School of Law in 2000. His research interests are in economic development, affordable housing, and gaming law, and he teaches Property, Land Use Regulation, Local Government Law and Wills, Trusts & Estates. As Director of Gaming Programs, Professor Pindell was instrumental in organizing the law school's Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Gaming Law and Regulation. He holds the International Gaming Institute Professorship and currently serves as the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at UNLV.

**E. Sequoyah Simermeyer (Coharie), Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission**

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Simermeyer is one of three commissioners responsible for regulating and ensuring the integrity of the more than 450 Indian gaming facilities, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. Simermeyer was appointed by the Secretary of Interior on November 2, 2015 for a three-year term.

Prior to joining the NIGC, Simermeyer advised the Chairman to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. In that capacity he helped draft legislative proposals and committee reports, prepared oversight and legislative hearing and advanced the committee's work on priority issues facing Indian country. Simermeyer also served as Deputy Chief of Staff and as counselor to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Simermeyer's professional and academic experience has focused on government-to-government relationships that impact federal Indian policy and which empower tribal communities to provide for their people. Simermeyer was named to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 Under 40 list in 2011 and was a 2014 nominee for the Native American Bar Association-DC Chapter Award for "Excellence in Government Service."

Simermeyer graduated with a bachelor's of arts degree from Dartmouth College, N.H., a Masters of Study in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, Vt., and a J.D. from Cornell Law School, N.Y.

The National Indian Gaming Commission is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 450 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the \$28.5 billion Indian gaming industry.

**Norman H. DesRosiers, Former Vice Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission**

Mr. DesRosiers has been actively engaged in Indian Gaming Regulation for over 20 years. He has served as Commissioner or Executive Director for four different tribal governmental regulatory agencies. He also served a three year appointed term as Vice Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C.

He has a former law enforcement career and is a graduate of Central Washington State University with a Bachelors degree in Law and Justice. Mr. DesRosiers has written numerous published articles and has testified numerous times before Senate and Congressional committee hearings. Mr. DesRosiers helped organize and served several terms as Chairman of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGC/R) organization. He also served for many years as Indian Gaming Committee Chair and is a former Board Member of the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA). Mr. DesRosiers is currently on the Board of Directors for Galaxy Gaming and engages in regulatory consulting.

**Loretta A. Tuell, Shareholder at GreenbergTraurig**

Ms. Tuell focuses her practice on American Indian law, governmental law and policy, and gaming matters.

For more than 20 years, Loretta has worked in the arena of federal Indian law and policy. She has devised strategies, executed legislative advocacy, developed national policy and advocated before the U.S. Congress, the White House and federal agencies such as the Department of the Interior, the National Indian Gaming Commission, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

In Congress, she served as the Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Counsel to the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye. During her tenure on the Committee, Loretta advised on virtually all matters under the Committee's jurisdiction dealing with Indian tribes, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians.

She has developed legislation with a focus on trust lands, Indian gaming/Internet gaming, the environment, education, housing, energy, federal recognition, religious freedom and repatriation, fish and wildlife, trust lands, water, subsistence issues, climate change, emergence response/disaster relief, economic development, taxation, and other related issues. Loretta is experienced with authorizing legislation, the budget and appropriation process, and the leadership functions in the U.S. Congress as well as the White House and federal agencies.

Loretta is also experienced as a senior official in the Executive Branch. At the Department of Interior, she served as Special Assistant and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Tribal Services before she was appointed by President Clinton to be the Director of the Office of American Indian Trust, the secretarial office charged with the development, coordination and implementation of the American Indian trust and self-governance policies and international indigenous rights department wide.

At the Department of the Interior, Loretta managed a myriad of legal and policy issues. She directed the rulemaking and consultation process for trust fund account reform, land-into-trust regulations and both the general assistance and blood quantum regulations. She advised on Indian gaming and compacts. She managed the largest service program provider for the

Bureau of Indian Affairs, including social service programs, child protection services, housing improvement, federal recognition and tribal government relations and elections, enrollment appeals and tribal courts.

Loretta served as Co-Chair to the Joint Federal-Tribal Task Force that developed the 2000 Bureau of Indian Affairs Consultation Policy. She testified before Congress and the United Nations on indigenous rights and the environment. Loretta also served on White House Domestic Indian Policy Working Group and the joint Department of Interior – Department of Justice Federal Task Force on Native Hawaiians which issued the report "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely" on the Native Hawaiian Reconciliation Process.

Loretta was recognized in 2009 as one of five women—and the first American Indian woman in history—to receive the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the American Bar Association.

Since 2002, Loretta has served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for United National Indian Tribal Youth, (UNITY Inc.), a nonprofit dedicated to the development of leadership skills for Native youth through indigenous based programs, workshops, and conferences. In 2015, she was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Loretta is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho.

### **Chris Stearns, Commissioner Washington State Gambling Commission**

Stearns is an attorney specializing in Indian law. He served four years as counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, and was the first-ever director of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy. He served two terms as chairman of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, and is vice president of the Seattle Indian Health Board.

He is a graduate of Williams College and Cornell Law School.

During his first term, the commission negotiated an updated gaming compact with indigenous nations located in Washington State. The 27 amendments include an increase in each Nation's allotment of gaming machines from 975 to 1,075, and the Nations agreed to reimburse the state for its regulatory costs.

In his next term, Stearns wants to prepare the state for evolving technology in gaming – technology that is making gaming more accessible and could, depending on future legislation, require new regulations.