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DICKINSON WRIGHT'S GAMING LEGALNEWS

JO ANN DAVIDSON AND TIMOTHY WILMOTT KEYNOTE MID-AMERICA GAMING CONGRESS

The inaugural Mid-America Gaming Congress will be held on April 9 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Columbus, Ohio. A kick-off reception will be held at the Hollywood Casino the preceding evening (April 8) for Congress participants and speakers. The Congress will wrap up with a reception at the Scioto Downs racino in Columbus the evening of the 9th. A room block has been established at the Hyatt Regency – make your reservation quickly while the room block special rate is in effect.

The Congress kicks off with a keynote address by Jo Ann Davidson, the Chair of the Ohio Casino Control Commission. The luncheon keynote address will be presented by Timothy Wilmott, the CEO of Penn National Gaming, Inc.

Five panels composed of leaders in the gaming industry will substantively discuss Mid-America's competitive marketplace, the prospects for Internet gaming, unregulated gaming activities, the regulatory environment, and the Wall Street and banking industry views of current opportunities in the gaming marketplace. The Congress will focus on what is happening and what may happen in the near future in the Mid-America states from Pennsylvania in the East to Iowa in the West. The Congress panelists include representatives from each of the effected jurisdictions, as well as representatives from Wall Street and the banking industry.

Complete details of the Congress, including room block information and a listing of the panels and panelists, are available at the Mid-America Gaming Congress website, midamericagamingcongress.com.

DETROIT CASINOS' FEBRUARY REVENUES DECREASE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR: MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES FEBRUARY 2014 REVENUE DATA

by Ryan M. Shannon

The Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") released the revenue and wagering tax data for February 2014 for the three Detroit, Michigan, commercial casinos. The three Detroit commercial casinos posted a collective 0.6% decrease in gaming revenues compared to the same month in 2013. Aggregate gross gaming revenue for the Detroit commercial casinos in February increased, however, by 15.2% compared to January, continuing a trend of increase between January and February in prior years.

MGM Grand Detroit posted higher gaming revenue results for February 2014 as compared to the same month in 2013, with gaming revenue increasing by 2.4%. MGM Grand Detroit continued to maintain the largest market share among the three Detroit commercial casinos

and had total gaming revenue in February 2014 of approximately \$47.6 million. MotorCity Casino had monthly gaming revenue exceeding \$37.2 million, with revenues decreasing by 2.7% in February 2014 compared to February 2013. Greektown Casino had monthly gaming revenue of nearly \$25.8 million and posted a 2.9% decrease in revenues for February 2014 compared to the same month in 2013.

The revenue data released by the MGCB also includes the total wagering tax payments made by the casinos to the State of Michigan. The gaming revenue and wagering tax payments for MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity Casino, and Greektown Casino for February 2014 were:

Casino	Gaming Revenue	State Wagering Tax Payments
MGM Grand Detroit	\$47,575,032.11	\$3,853,577.60
MotorCity Casino	\$37,245,026.02	\$3,016,847.11
Greektown Casino	\$25,788,555.32	\$2,088,872.98
Totals	\$110,608,613.45	\$8,959,297.69

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