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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Appoints Catherine Blue as General Counsel

Today the five commissioners of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted unanimously to appoint Catherine Blue as the Commission's first General Counsel. Ms. Blue was appointed today at an open public meeting after an interview with commissioners. As MGC's General Counsel, Ms. Blue will be one of the Commission's senior executives with substantial responsibility for overseeing the Commission's growth and expanding responsibilities. Ms. Blue will have a wide range of legal responsibilities which includes establishing strategic and operational plans for a legal department capable of supporting the Commission's expanding activities and also developing and managing a system for ensuring compliance with the Commission's statutory reporting requirements.

Ms. Blue is currently the General Counsel for the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency. Prior to her tenure at the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Ms. Blue was the Associate Counsel at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is the nation's largest mass transportation authority. There Ms. Blue was responsible for providing legal support of the board of commissioners' operation and relations. In 2006, Ms. Blue was a partner at Donohue & Blue in Virginia. She also held senior counsel positions at Holland & Knight LLP, AT&T, QED Communications Inc., after starting her legal career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Jim McHugh stated, "We are very pleased to appoint Catherine Blue as MGC's first General Counsel. I have every confidence that Ms. Blue's impressive legal career makes her uniquely suited to create and manage the Commission's legal team and ensure the team's continuing commitment to providing sound, thoughtful and ethical legal advice."

Ms. Blue received her JD from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA and her BA degree from Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit

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