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Re: Tribal Gaming Regulation Presentation -2024 ICE

This week I attended the Tribal Gaming Symposium at the 2024 International Casino Expo (ICE). I participated in a panel discussion on the distinctions between Tribal gaming regulation in the U.S. versus gaming operations' regulation in Europe, the discussion was hosted by the Indian Gaming Association (IGA). To an international audience, I explained what makes Indian gaming and its regulatory environment unique:

- Jurisdiction - three jurisdictions are involved in differing degrees with Tribal gaming in the U.S. (Tribal, federal, and state). Each has a distinct sovereign authority and approach to implementing policies and standards to meet legislators' expectations for protecting the customer, Tribal assets, and proper industry access by operators.
- Regulation - Tribal and state governments' regulatory activity often has more visibility than the federal regulatory body because of local risk assessments and a close relationship to regional economies.
- Legislation - the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) establishes a federal regulatory role distinct from tribal governments' on the ground and comprehensive oversight responsibilities. Some of the federal responsibilities involve approving management contracts and ordinances, receiving facility licenses, and providing technical assistance and training support to support Tribe's governance capacity and economic strength, and to protect industry resources. These public policy objectives are unique to Tribal gaming and makes clear that tribal gaming is governmental gaming.

My fellow panelist, Mario Galea, and panel moderator, Derrick Watchman, brought to our discussion valuable and thoughtful insights based on many years of experience and expertise. And I am also grateful to Victor Rocha and the ICE VOX team who convened this and many other opportunities for thought provoking policy discussions and information sharing.

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I am especially grateful to Chairman Ernie Stevens and the IGA membership for presenting me the Indian Gaming Association Chairman's Leadership Award during my visit. I value the Agency's relationship with IGA. I am thankful for their years of advocacy for the Tribal gaming industry, and the opportunities to share important regulatory perspectives with our common stakeholders.

#### About ICE 2024

ICE 2024 was held on February 5-8 in London, England. For more than 20 years, international regulators, gaming executives, vendors and operators have gathered to trade ideas and learn about the best practices across the worldwide gaming industry. Find more information about ICE at <https://www.icegaming.com/>.

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