



## Two NIGC Compliance Division Employees Named to “ELG 40 UNDER 40”

WASHINGTON, DC October 03, 2018 – National Indian Gaming Commission’s Compliance Director Dustin Thomas and NIGC Auditor Gena Caviness have been named as Emerging Leaders Of Gaming “40 Under 40”.by Global Gaming Business Magazine.

Emerging Leaders of Gaming (ELG) and Global Gaming Business magazine (GGB) today announced the 2018-19 class of the “ELG 40 Under 40,” which recognizes gaming industry professionals under the age of 40 already making significant impacts in the gaming industry. Produced in conjunction with The Innovation Group (TIG), founders of the ELG program, the “ELG 40 Under 40” distinction recognizes future leaders and offers these young professionals an advantage in the already competitive gaming, entertainment, leisure, and hospitality industries.

“To be recognized as one of the Emerging Leaders of Gaming 40 Under 40 is a true honor and testament of hard work and perseverance. I owe a lot to my teams of past and present and the many who have given me the opportunities to develop and advance in my career,” Said Dustin Thomas Compliance Director the NIGC.

“It is an honor to be named one of the Emerging Leaders of Gaming 40 Under 40! I admire and respect the past, present, and future generations of leaders in the gaming industry. Gaming is a diverse industry and I’m proud to play an important role in it,” says NIGC Auditor Gena Caviness of her award reception.

“At the NIGC we strive to provide tribes with the best support possible to help grow the industry,” said NIGC Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri, “This award shows all the hard work our employees are putting in to reach our mission and support the continued growth of the Indian Gaming Industry.”

The “ELG 40 Under 40” are selected by a combined GGB and TIG advisory board from nominations solicited through an open call to the industry. Honorees will be celebrated during the annual Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas later this month.

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*The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the National Indian Gaming Commission to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. The Commission’s dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the growing \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

*About ELG: Emerging Leaders of Gaming has established itself as the go-to network for young professionals assuming the next generation of leadership in gaming, entertainment, hospitality, food and beverage, tourism, and leisure. We continue to support the growth and development of these rising stars as they achieve their fast-track to success, destined to fill tomorrow's senior-level and C-suite management positions.*

*About GGB: Global Gaming Business magazine, a division of Casino Connection International, is the leading monthly gaming trade publication focusing on the international casino industry. Distributed to 14,000 of the industry’s most important executives around the*

*world, as well as public officials, regulators, attorneys, and Native American governments, GGB magazine is the casino industry's complete source for business information.*

*About TIG: The Innovation Group has long been recognized as the world's most respected and sought-after research and advisory firm, specializing in the gaming, entertainment, hospitality, and leisure industries. To date, our research and analyses have driven over \$100 billion in investment decisions across more than 80 countries and six continents. The Innovation Group's accuracy and reliability is unparalleled, with our forecasts historically tracking within 5% of actual revenues across the most complex of gaming jurisdictions throughout the globe.*