Resource Guide: Hot Topics In Indian Gaming Law

Background Materials


Review / Journal Articles


*Statutes / Regulations*

**The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)**

25 U.S.C. §§ 2701 to 2721

This 1988 Federal act establishes the jurisdictional framework that governs Native American gaming. The act also established the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**Johnson Act**

15 U.S.C.A. §§ 1171 to 1178

“The Johnson Act, as amended, generally prohibits the manufacture, possession, use, sale, or transportation of any ‘gambling device’ … The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., includes an exception to the Johnson Act prohibition against gambling devices in Indian Country.”


*Government Agencies*

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

“The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) mission is to: … enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives.”

[http://www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)
National Indian Gaming Commission
“The Commission’s primary mission is to regulate gaming activities on Indian lands for the purpose of shielding Indian tribes from organized crime and other corrupting influences; to ensure that Indian tribes are the primary beneficiaries of gaming revenue; and to assure that gaming is conducted fairly and honestly by both operators and players.”
http://www.nigc.gov