

Tommy Shepherd

As one of the most experienced lawyers in Mississippi in the field of gaming law, Tommy has a deep understanding of the needs of every member of the industry. Whether your business is a casino/resort, an equipment manufacturer, a distributor, or an investor in or lender to the industry, he knows what it takes for your company to succeed in Mississippi.

In the early 1990's, Tommy was one of the first in Mississippi to see the potential needs of gaming companies. He was a pioneer in assembling the legal team members necessary to build one of the state's largest gaming practices. Today our firm serves a dozen casinos in Mississippi and numerous manufacturers and distributors and casino developers. Tommy is widely recognized as a valuable resource by his clients which is evidenced by his selection to the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the International Association of Gaming Advisors where he is also the second person from the State of Mississippi ever appointed to serve as General Counsel. Recently, Tommy was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* as "Jackson, MS Gaming Lawyer of the Year" for 2011.

As the team leader of the firm's Gaming Practice, Tommy has assembled a team of attorneys serving our gaming clients in a broad range of services such as real estate, tax, environmental, finance, labor and employment, premises liability defense and patron dispute resolution.

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Areas of Practice:

Gaming and Resort Law

Business Planning & Operations

Contract Law

Corporations Law

Site Selection and Approval

Applications for Licensing

Findings of Suitability

Corporate Planning

Gaming Operations

Gaming Finance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Compliance and Enforcement

