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PHOENIX PARTNER HEIDI MCNEIL STAUDENMAIER PARTICIPATES IN PANEL AT IMGL AUTUMN CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE

PHOENIX (September 27, 2018) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner <u>Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier</u> recently participated in a speaker panel at the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL) Autumn Conference held September 6-8 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The IMGL conference brought together experts and leaders of the gaming industry from all sectors: operators, suppliers, attorneys, investors, bankers, accountants, regulators, consultants and other advisors from all over the world for three days. McNeil Staudenmaier's panel titled, "Sports Betting in the USA: Now that the gloves are off...who wins?" discussed the recent Supreme Court decision striking down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, allowing individual states to be open for sports betting. The panel took



McNeil Staudenmaier (center) pictured with fellow speakers Miller, Kleiman, Ferri and panel moderator Ellinger.

a look at the impact of *Murphy v. NCAA*, the status of the various states opening or looking at sports betting, and who the winners and losers will be in the short run and the long run. The panel was moderated by Marc Ellinger, Principal at Ellinger and Associates. In addition to McNeil Staudenmaier, panelists included Keith Miller, Professor of Law at Drake University Law School; Jeremy Kleiman, Member of Saiber, LLC; and Filippo Ferri, Director of IGaming and New Product Strategy for BMM Testlabs in Spain.

"Literally every Native American Tribe in the United States is considering whether to undertake sports betting at their tribal casino operations," said McNeil Staudenmaier during the panel discussion. "At present, there are nearly 500 tribal casinos in the United States which generated approximately \$32.4 billion in gaming revenue in 2017. Before being able to offer sports betting at their tribal casinos, the Tribes need to first determine whether sports betting is permitted by the applicable Tribal-State Compact and the Tribal Gaming Ordinance."

McNeil Staudenmaier is nationally recognized in the areas of Indian Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation. At Snell & Wilmer, she represents tribes, tribal entities and businesses who engage in commercial transactions with tribes and tribal entities. She is a frequent speaker and author on gaming and Indian law issues and is the past-president – and only woman president ever – of IMGL. She received her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, with distinction, and her B.A., with distinction, from the University of Iowa.

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