

Coushatta Casino Resort Appoints New Chief Financial Officer, Greg Hinton



Greg Hinton

Coushatta Casino Resort recently named Greg Hinton as its new Chief Financial Officer. Hinton comes to Coushatta most recently from Margaritaville Resort Casino in Bossier City, LA as its Vice President of Finance and Administration. He brings over 30 years of diverse finance and operations experience, including 13 years in the gaming industry, having also served in the Greenville, MS, Tunica, MS, St. Louis and Atlantic City markets. As Chief Financial Officer, he will oversee all aspects of the resort's finance and compliance functions, including accounting, cage and credit, revenue audit, purchasing, treasury/cash management and regulatory compliance.

Hinton enjoys spending time with his wife Amy and their three children, all high school musicians, and supporting community organizations, including the Benton, LA High School Band Boosters, Shreveport Rescue Mission and several animal rescues. "I am honored to be selected as the financial steward of the Coushatta Tribe's largest business," he stated. "I look forward to supporting the team as we continue to operate the best gaming entertainment destination in Louisiana."

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa Names Vice President of Table Games

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa has named Charleen Ripley as its new Vice President of Table Games.

Ripley, who was previously Director of Table Games for the property since 2016, began her career at Resorts International and has 37 years of casino industry experience.

She spent 13 years at Trump Taj Mahal and another 13 years at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, both in Atlantic City.



Charleen Ripley

Christopher A. Wilks Named Chief Financial Officer at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel

Christopher A. Wilks was recently named Chief Financial Officer at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel in Rochester, WA. Chris possesses 25 years of progressive casino resort and hospitality management experience specializing in



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financial planning and analysis.

The foundation of Wilks' training was gained at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut, where he was a "day one" employee. During his 13-year tenure, Wilks served as a Senior Analyst, Manager and Director in the Food & Beverage division before moving on to Finance, where he served four years directing corporate strategy, forecasting and mergers & acquisitions as its Director of Mergers & Acquisitions. He later joined The Hartmann Group, LLC in 2016 where he helped service existing and future casino clients, with Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel being one of them.

Lucky Eagle Chief Executive Officer Lisa Miles said, "Chris brings to us a unique combination and balance of operational and financial acumen, and we are confident he will serve us well. We are excited he joined our team."

AGS Names New Sales Account Executives Michele Hannemann and Colleen Coddington

AGS recently announced two new additions to its North America Games Sales team – Michele Hannemann, who will support Western Canada, and Colleen Coddington, assigned to the Midwest U.S. region. Hannemann and Coddington bring a wealth of gaming sales experience to their new roles with AGS, and have long and well-established relationships with their customers.



Michele Hannemann

AGS' Senior Vice President of Sales Robert Perry said, "We are excited to welcome Michele and Colleen to the AGS team. Together, they bring nearly 30 years of combined sales and business development experience, and they are both highly knowledgeable about the gaming landscape, the products, and their markets. Most of all, both Colleen and Michele have proven experience in developing respected, trusted, and strong relationships with their customers. They will be strong contributors to our continued growth, and their energy and enthusiasm is contagious."

Hannemann joined AGS after serving 12 years with IGT, most recently as Account Manager for IGT Canada Solutions ULC. In this role, she led the sales and business development of IGT's broad portfolio of gaming products and services within the territory, was accountable for meeting or exceeding multi-million dollar forecasted sales quotas, and was a frequent top-tier performer.

Before that, Hannemann served eight years with the



Colleen Coddington

Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission, focused on the planning and development of Alberta’s electronic gaming product strategy.

Coddington joins AGS after 10 years of service with Scientific Games and its acquired company Bally Technologies, where she most recently was an Account Executive with responsibility for 14 accounts across the Midwest, focused on driving game sales,

gaming operations, and conversion revenue.

Coddington had a consistent track record of growing revenue year-over-year. Before joining Scientific Games, Coddington held business-development roles in the pharmaceutical industry.

Incredible Technologies Names New VP of Mechanical Engineering



Bryan McVey

Incredible Technologies announced the promotion of Bryan McVey to Vice President of Mechanical Engineering. McVey previously held the role of Director of Mechanical Engineering. McVey joined IT in 2014 and has since been a driving force in IT’s engineering development.

“Bryan is an incredibly valuable asset to our team,” said IT CEO and President Elaine Hodgson. “Given the

competitive nature of our industry, we’re continually asking our Engineering department to innovate and create something that will wow both players and operators each year. Bryan has been eager to lead the charge in our development efforts, while ensuring all the mechanical hardware we release into the field is safe and reliable.”

As Vice President of Mechanical of Engineering, McVey will oversee and lead the mechanical engineering team.

JCM Global Names Dana Talich Vice President of Finance and Legal

JCM Global has promoted Dana Talich to Vice President of Finance and Legal. She is based in the company’s Americas headquarters in Las Vegas. In her new role, Talich oversees all financial and legal activities for JCM Global, as well as regulatory and product compliance, and information technology.

“We are proud to name Dana as JCM’s new Vice President of Finance and Legal. Over the past 13 years, Dana has proven herself to be a leader – at JCM, and in the larger financial world of the global gaming industry,” said JCM President Takatomo Imai. “We are especially excited to have

promoted from within. As a company, we take seriously the responsibility of developing our team members at every level.”

Talich commented, “Working with the JCM Global team for the last 13 years has been a very positive, challenging, and rewarding experience. I am honored that JCM has entrusted me with this expanded role and look forward to helping lead JCM Global to continued success in the future.”

Talich has a diverse finance background in heavily regulated industries. Prior to her promotion, she served as JCM Global’s Controller since 2006. Previously, she served as Controller, Practice Administrator, and Regional Finance Director for Houston-based US Oncology and has held finance positions in the nonprofit and mining industries.



Dana Talich

Konami Announces New Promotions to Sales Senior Leadership



Randy Caron

Konami Gaming, Inc. announced a string of internal promotions to support the continued momentum of its North American sales team. To help position the organization for further progress, Konami has appointed Randy Caron to Senior Director, Business Development (Western region); Scott Freed to Senior Director, Regional Sales (Eastern region); and Steve Kohon to Senior Director, Regional Sales (Western region).

“Since Konami Gaming’s earliest years as a company, our sales organization has operated with a commitment to personalized attention and professional accountability,” said Tom Jingoli, Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer at Konami Gaming, Inc.

“These recent leadership appointments are a continuation of that commitment as Konami’s games and systems sales move ahead.”



Steve Kohon

Konami also named a number of director-level promotions, appointing Lauren Bates to Director, Regional Sales (Western region); Mesa Whitehurst to Director, National Accounts; and LeAnn Wright to Director, Regional Sales (Canada).



Scott Freed

Former NIGC Chair Jonodev Chaudhuri Joins Quarles & Brady in Washington, D.C.



Jonodev Chaudhuri

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP recently announced that Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, outgoing Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), will chair the firm's Indian Law and Policy Group from its Washington, D.C. office.

President Barack Obama first designated Chaudhuri to serve as acting Chairman in 2013, following his initial appointment to the agency by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. He was then nominated by President Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2015. During his tenure at the NIGC, Chaudhuri oversaw the \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry spanning approximately 250 tribal nations and 500 facilities across 29 states. Working with over 6,000 tribal regulators in the field, Chaudhuri led the NIGC during key milestones in connection with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), which promotes tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the incredible team at Quarles & Brady, a firm whose philosophy, resources, and talented attorneys make it perfectly poised to profoundly impact the landscape of Indian Country in the years ahead," said Chaudhuri. "I look forward to utilizing some of the same strategic planning and problem-solving skills that were central to our work at the NIGC to work with my new teammates to develop targeted solutions to complex problems, which in turn, will help achieve new opportunities for Indian Country. The Indian Law and Policy Group, which includes highly-respected practitioners such as Thomas Springer, Luis Ochoa, and Samantha Skenandore, among others, already has an outstanding reputation of bringing best-in-class services to Native American communities and tribal nations across the country. We have the shared belief that tribal innovation and self-governance have been driving forces behind reaffirmed and expanded tribal sovereignty seen in the last several decades – from gaming to the restoration of significant decision-making authority over tribal lands – and we are committed to supporting tribal nations in their pursuit of true self-determination."

Chaudhuri's law and policy track record is extensive, even beyond his tenure at the NIGC. Earlier in his career, he served as senior counselor to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, where he provided guidance on a wide range of national policy issues. His 20-year legal career includes serving as a judge on five different tribal courts, including serving as Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, the highest

court of the fourth largest tribe in the nation.

In tandem with his move to Quarles & Brady, Chaudhuri will begin an ambassadorship with his tribal nation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, headquartered in Okmulgee, OK.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Swears In Newly Elected Tribal Council Member



L-R: NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios, Secretary Nancy Smit, Treasurer Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., Chairperson Jamie Stuck, and Sergeant-at-Arms Homer A. Mandoka.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) issued the oath of office recently to newly elected Tribal Council Member Nancy Smit at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Fulton, MI.

The NHBP Tribal Council will keep the officers appointments the same as prior to the 2019 election. Jamie Stuck will serve as Chairperson, Dorie Rios as Vice Chairperson, Nancy Smit as Secretary, Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., as Treasurer, and Homer A. Mandoka as Sergeant-at-Arms.

"I am proud to be able to continue to serve on Tribal Council with Tribal Elder Nancy Smit," Stuck said. "I'm confident that her relations with FireKeepers Casino Hotel, as well as her experience serving on several NHBP committees and as appointed Tribal Council Secretary, will be valuable assets for the tribe."

Smit has served on a variety of NHBP committees for over 15 years. Smit worked for FireKeepers Casino Hotel from 2013 to 2018, most recently as Team Member Relations Supervisor, and was appointed to serve as Tribal Council Secretary in August 2018.

Stuck, of Scotts, has served on Tribal Council since 2006. Rios, of Battle Creek, has served on Tribal Council since 2010. Smit, of Battle Creek, although recently elected, served one previous term as Tribal Council Secretary and was appointed in August 2018 to serve as Tribal Council Secretary. Chivis, of Middleville, has served on Tribal Council since 2017. Mandoka, of Bronson, has served on Tribal Council since 2002. ♣