



## Amy Kebert Elder

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Amy Elder concentrates her practice on regulatory and business law for the Mississippi and Louisiana gaming industry.

Amy Elder has extensive experience in all aspects of gaming law. Ms. Elder represents and advises privately-held and publicly-held casino operators, gaming-related manufacturers, casino management companies, investors, developers, commercial lenders and private equity firms in a wide range of gaming matters, including licensure, regulatory compliance, administrative hearings, financing and project development. Her clients include the largest gaming operators and gaming equipment manufacturers in the casino industry. Ms. Elder is a past board member of the International Association of Gaming Advisors and is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in Gaming and Leisure and Hospitality Law and ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* as a leading lawyer nationwide in the area of Gaming & Licensing law.

An experienced gaming attorney, Ms. Elder regularly appears on behalf of clients before the Mississippi Gaming Commission. She counsels business clients in entity formation, restructuring, acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic transactions. She advises clients in the hospitality industry in hotel management agreement compliance and all manner of operating contracts and agreements. Ms. Elder also has experience in public finance and the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. She drafted the gaming law and gaming revenue descriptions for Mississippi's first revenue bond issue secured solely by gaming revenues. Prior to earning her law degree, Ms. Elder was employed in the securities industry and held a Series 7 General Securities Representative license.

### Representative Matters

- Obtained regulatory approvals in Mississippi and Louisiana for client's \$4.5 billion restructuring and refinancing transaction.
- Represented publicly-traded gaming company in Mississippi gaming regulatory matters in connection with the issuance of company's \$100 million senior secured notes.
- Counsel for lender in refinancing of a multi-state casino's \$80 million senior secured credit facility.
- Represented international gaming equipment manufacturer in Mississippi and Louisiana obtaining regulatory approvals for a \$350 million equity transaction.
- Leader of team representing purchaser in complex casino acquisition and financing transaction.
- Assisted gaming client in obtaining Louisiana and Mississippi gaming regulatory and certain other regulatory approvals required in connection with the client's spin-off of its real estate assets into a real estate investment trust (REIT).
- Obtained Mississippi regulatory approvals for a client's \$100 million financing transaction.
- Served as gaming counsel to reorganized debtor owning casino properties in Mississippi and Louisiana in bankruptcy emergence transaction.
- Counsel to developer of \$270 million Gulf Coast casino resort project, including legal gaming site determination, development regulatory approvals and gaming operator licensing.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in Gaming Law (2018 – 2022); Leisure and Hospitality Law (2022)
- Named *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> 2022 and 2020 Jackson-MS Gaming Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* as a leading lawyer in Mississippi in the area of Corporate/Commercial: Gaming & Licensing Law (2019 – 2022); nationwide in the area of Gaming & Licensing Law (2022)
- International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA)
  - Board of Trustees (2013 – 2018)
  - Chair – Americas Advisory Committee
  - Co-Chair – Communications Committee (2013 – 2016)
- Named by *Mississippi Business Journal* as one of the "50 Leading Businesswomen in Mississippi" (2016)
- The Mississippi Bar
  - Member – Gaming Law Section
  - Member – Memorial Committee (2006)
- Member – Mississippi Women Lawyers Association
- Member – American Bar Association
  - Member – Business Law Section
  - Member – Gaming Committee
- Member – Global Gaming Women
- Member – Capital Area Bar Association
- Former Member – National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Former Member – National Association of Securities Dealers



## Publications

- Contributing Author – "IAGA Regulatory News and Notes," *Casino Enterprise Magazine* (November 2013)



## Speaking Engagements

- Panelist – "Legal Roundtable Discussion," Southern Gaming Summit (May 5, 2022)
- Moderator – "Regulatory Updates," with Jay McDaniel, Ronnie Johns, Bea Carson, and Jennifer Rushin, Southern Gaming Summit (May 4, 2022)
- "Cashless Wagering - Giving Customers What They Expect," Southern Gaming Summit 2021 (March 2021)
- "2019 Southern Gaming Summit" (May 2019)
- "Gaming Regulatory and Operator Issues in the Wake of #MeToo Revelations," International Association of Gaming Advisors Best Practices Institute, Global Gaming Expo (G2E), Las Vegas, Nevada (October 2018)
- Speaker – "Gaming & Gambling Law" and "Sweepstakes, Contests and Promotions in Mississippi", National Business Institute Seminar (July 2017)
- Panelist – "Americas Update," International Association of Gaming Advisors Annual Conference, Malta (June 2016)



## Education

- University of Mississippi, J.D., 1998, cum laude
- University of Mississippi, B.S.N., 1980



## Admissions

- Mississippi, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi, 1998