

OUR PRACTICE

Gaming

At Baker Donelson, our nationally ranked Gaming Practice – recognized by Chambers USA – is at the forefront of the dynamic and rapidly evolving gaming industry. Led by seasoned, internationally recognized industry leaders, including Chambers USA Band 1-ranked leaders, we provide strategic guidance to clients across the full spectrum of gaming operations – from traditional land and riverboat-based casinos, video poker, gaming equipment manufacturers, and sports betting platforms to emerging technologies like iGaming.

Our multidisciplinary team understands the complex regulatory landscape governing gaming at the federal, state, and tribal levels. We help clients worldwide secure and maintain licenses, ensure compliance with evolving laws, and navigate investigations and enforcement actions. Whether you're launching a new venture, expanding into new markets, or facing regulatory scrutiny, our industry professionals deliver practical, business-minded solutions tailored to your goals.

Our services include:

- Licensing and regulatory compliance
- Acquisitions and dispositions of gaming assets
- Sports betting and iGaming counsel
- Tribal gaming matters
- Mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures
- Fintech and blockchain integration
- Intellectual property protection
- Employment and labor issues
- Litigation and dispute resolution

With a deep understanding of the industry's unique challenges and opportunities, Baker Donelson has been a trusted advisor to our gaming clients for over 20 years. We combine legal excellence with industry fluency to help you stay ahead of the curve.

Baker Donelson plays to win.



Representative Matters

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

- Obtained regulatory approvals in Mississippi and Louisiana for client's \$4.5 billion restructuring and refinancing transaction.
- Served as local gaming counsel to a worldwide hospitality and gaming company in connection with a \$3.3 billion transaction to refinance outstanding debt and acquire another hospitality company. Obtained necessary regulatory approvals from state gaming authorities.
- Advised client in a complex multi-state transaction valued at \$1.1 billion, including regulatory approvals for the acquisition of a casino, refinancing existing debt, sale and lease back of client's casino properties, redemption of equity interests, and restructuring of ownership entities.
- Louisiana counsel in numerous financing transactions, including a Nevada gaming corporation in its \$2 billion credit facility.
- Represented international gaming equipment manufacturer in Mississippi and Louisiana obtaining regulatory approvals for a \$350 million equity transaction.

- Served as local gaming counsel to a publicly traded gaming company in connection with a \$300 million financing transaction, including obtaining necessary regulatory approvals.
- Counsel to developer of \$270 million Gulf Coast casino resort project, including legal gaming site determination, development regulatory approvals and gaming operator licensing.
- Represented publicly traded gaming company in Mississippi gaming regulatory matters in connection with the issuance of company's \$100 million senior secured notes.
- \$70 million acquisition of a Mississippi casino, together with all regulatory approvals and local real estate and financing details.
- Counsel to lender in refinancing of a multi-state casino's \$80 million senior secured credit facility.
- 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).
- Served as gaming counsel to reorganized debtor owning casino properties in Mississippi and Louisiana in bankruptcy emergence transaction.
- Successfully defended a casino and obtained summary judgment on all claims filed by the plaintiff, a former blackjack dealer, who alleged discrimination based on disability and failure to accommodate such disability in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The plaintiff further asserted claims for retaliation and interference with rights guaranteed under the FMLA.
- Counsel to an international gaming equipment manufacturer/distributor in the Mississippi and Louisiana gaming licensing process, advocating for a client in complex licensing issues.