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LEADING AUTHORITIES WEIGH IN ON GAMBLING EXPANSION IN JANUARY

Dover, Delaware, December 13, 2007—The renowned Professor I. Nelson Rose and Reverend Tom Grey—two leading authorities on gaming and its impacts—will present unique perspectives on current gambling expansion efforts and predict outcomes at a January 4 keynote luncheon in Scottsdale, Arizona, entitled *The 3rd Wave of Legal Gambling: Cresting or Crashing?* The panel will be held in conjunction with the January 4 through 6 NCLGS Winter Meeting at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona.

In the dual presentations, the keynote speakers will focus on the pros and cons of gambling expansion, further evidenced by recent state and industry initiatives such as casino and racino proposals, lottery expansion and privatization efforts, and ongoing Internet gaming offerings in the wake of federal Internet gaming legislation. Professor Rose and Reverend Grey will look to the past to forecast the future for legal gambling expansion.

NCLGS President Rep. William Oberle said, “Proliferation of gambling raises many questions for states with tight budgets looking to capture much-needed tax dollars through gaming venues. Hearing from two of the most distinguished gambling scholars in the country will help legislators make sound decisions within their states on this critical issue and its related social and economic concerns.”

Speaking of the upcoming keynote address, Professor Rose noted, “There has been a tidal change in the way Americans view gambling. Fifty years ago only Nevada had casinos. Today all but two have commercial gaming. State legislators have the job of dealing with that reality.”

“If history holds, the present American gambling binge will give way to a huge public hangover, followed by an electoral housecleaning,” predicted co-speaker Reverend Grey.

Fallout from the Internet Gambling Regulation Act of 2007, new gaming technology and products, problem and compulsive gambling best practices, a national racing compact for pari-mutuels, tribal-state gaming compacts and off-reservation gaming, and a myriad of other gaming-related issues will also be topics at the NCLGS National Winter Meeting in Scottsdale.

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On January 5, gaming experts in a general session entitled *Tribal Sovereignty & Labor Laws: What Precedent Will Rule?* will explore the role of the courts, tribal and state governments, labor unions and gaming compacts in the regulation of tribal casino labor practices. At another session on that day, entitled *Redefining Pari-Mutuel Simulcast: Who Wins? Who Loses?*, panelists will face off on the merits of current and future models for pari-mutuel simulcast and distribution of revenue.

NCLGS is the only organization of its kind where legislators can hear all sides of a gaming issue in an unbiased format. NCLGS is neither pro- nor anti-gaming. NCLGS is a proactive participant in the development of public policy related to state authorized gaming. NCLGS exists to educate state legislators and other policymakers on issues dealing with gaming; seeks appropriate regulation of gaming; and works to preserve the traditional rights of the states to regulate and tax gaming within their borders.

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