



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 board member of the International Association of Gaming Advisors and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in Gaming and Leisure and Hospitality Law and ranked in *Chambers USA* 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.
- 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.
- 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 for 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.
- Counsel to an international gaming equipment manufacturer/distributor in the Mississippi and Louisiana gaming licensing process, advocating for a client in complex licensing issues.
- Provided due diligence for two properties on behalf of a gaming real estate investment trust (REIT) in its multi-billion dollar acquisition of another gaming REIT. Worked with Mississippi and Louisiana gaming regulators to obtain the necessary approvals in connection with the transaction.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Gaming Law (2018 – 2025); Leisure and Hospitality Law (2022 – 2025)
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2023, 2022, and 2020 Gaming Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Jackson-MS
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Gaming & Licensing lawyer in Mississippi (2019 – 2024); leading Gaming & Licensing lawyer nationwide (2022 – 2024)
- International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA)
 - Board of Trustees (2013 – 2018, 2023 – 2026)
 - Co-Chair – International Gaming Summit Program Committee (2024)
 - Chair – Americas Advisory Committee (2019 – 2023)
 - 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
 - Business Law Section
 - 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

- "Alabama Gaming Legislation Approved by State House of Representatives" (February 2024)
- "Proposed Alabama Gaming Legislation is Best Effort to Date" (February 2024)
- "Baker's Dozen – Tips on the Way to the Top," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2022)
- 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)

- "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