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Tammy represents businesses and individuals primarily in the U.S. gaming and hospitality sectors, as well international entities sued in the United States. She routinely advises resort, hotel, casino, and pari-mutuel owners and operators, local and foreign, on regulatory and other operational concerns, and manages litigation and appellate matters that arise on their behalf.

Tammy regularly handles cases in federal and state court systems, ranging from contract disputes to premises liability defense to agency actions under the Administrative Procedures Act. She additionally has extensive experience defending foreign clients at the trial level and on appeal on the basis of forum non conveniens and enforcement of forum selection clauses to protect them from exposure in improper venues. Believing the best defense is often a good offense, Tammy works with clients before disputes arise, providing guidance to senior management for best practices relating to litigation and risk management, drafting, reviewing, and revising existing SOPs and forms, and conducting training sessions for client employees and middle management. Tammy's clients also seek her counsel outside the courtroom to help navigate industry-specific laws, regulations, and government agencies, particularly with respect to commercial gaming, pari-mutuel operations, sports betting, online gaming, sweepstakes and contests.

Related Professional Experience

- State Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division, Certified Legal Intern, Miami, Florida, Fall 2008
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Myriam Lehr, The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, County Court Division, Summer 2007

Published Work and Lectures

- ABA 2024 Business Law Spring Meeting, Moderator, "Regulation Station: The Role of the Regulator and Government Affairs in Gaming Law," April 4, 2024

Areas of Experience

Gaming Law
Commercial Disputes
Hospitality
Hospitality Dispute Resolution
Hospitality Operational Matters
International
Latin America and the Caribbean
Litigation
Equine Law

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2009, magna cum laude, *Inter-American Law Review*, Articles and Comments Editor, 2008-2009; Miami Law Women, President, 2008-2009
B.A., Tufts University, English, 2006, cum laude

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. Supreme Court

Related Content

Leisure Law Insider (Vol. 4) - Fall 2024
Fall 2024

Does the House Always Win?
September 24, 2024

Seventeen Akerman Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under List

- American Gaming Association Global Gaming Expo, Speaker, October 11, 2021
- *US Betting Report*, Author, “Gaming Attorney Tamara Savin Malvin: “Sports Betting is No Longer The Elephant in The Room,” March 31, 2021
- The Innovation Group Virtual Panel, Speaker, “What’s Next: A Dialogue with Emerging Leaders of Gaming,” December 8, 2020
- ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting Webinar, Speaker, “Sweepstakes, Contests, and Giveaways: How Business Lawyers Can Avoid Traps, Pitfalls, and Giving Bad Advice,” September 23, 2020
- ABA Business Law Section, Speaker, “The Law of Regulated Gambling,” September 18, 2020
- Betting USA, Quoted, “Global Poker And Chumba Casino: Ingenuity In Sweepstakes Or Pushing The Envelope?,” June 5, 2020
- ABA Business Law Section, The Law of Regulated Gambling: A Practical Guide for Business Lawyers, Author, Chapter 11, “Sports Betting in the United States,” January 3, 2020
- ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Panel Chair, “Online Gaming and Sports Betting in the United States: A Moving Target,” September 12, 2019
- ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting, Panelist, “Gaming Law Basics for Business Lawyers: Sports Betting, Online Gaming & Tribal Casinos,” March 28, 2019
- Chapman University Law School’s Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium, Panelist, “Sport Gambling in a Post-PASPA United States: Wins and Losses for the Sports Industry,” March 8, 2019
- Global Gaming Business Magazine, Profiled in *Emerging Leaders* Article “Gaming Law Leader,” January 27, 2019
- Akerman Practice Update, Author, “Online Gambling and The DOJ’s Wire Act Reinterpretation,” January 25, 2019
- NCLGS Winter Meeting, Panelist, “Historical Horse Racing,” January 4, 2019
- ABA Business Law Section CLE Webinar, Program Chair, Moderator and Presenter, “Sports Gambling in the U.S. in a Post-PASPA World,” July 31, 2018
- Lex Mundi, Contributor, “Global Gaming Law Guide,” May 2018
- *Law360*, Co-Author, “5 Facts Foreign Hotel Operators Should know about US Law,” April 30, 2018
- ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting, Program Chair, “Sports Gambling in America: Showdown at the United States Supreme Court,” April 14, 2018
- ESPN, Quoted, “Biggest takeaways from NJ Supreme Court hearing,” December 6, 2017
- Gambling Compliance, Quoted, “DFS Expected To Survive Even If U.S. Sports Betting Expands,” August 23, 2017
- Miami Law’s Women in the Law Roundtable, Panelist, “Work, Life & Balance,” April 9, 2015

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Gaming Law Committee, Chair
- International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL), Young Member Committee
- *Law360*, Sports & Betting Editorial Board, 2023

- Emerging Leaders of Gaming (ELG), Alumni Advisory Board Member
- Tufts University, TAAP Alumni Admissions Interviewer, Class of 2006 Ten-Year Reunion Committee Member, Tufts Alumni Miami Member
- Jewish Federation, Broward County, Board Member and Young Leadership Division Board Chair
- Global Gaming Women, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Florida for Insurance Law and Gaming Law
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024, Named to the “40 & Under” List
- *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Recognized as a “Top Lawyer in Broward County” for Gaming Law, 2022
- *Sports Business Journal*, Recognized as a “Power Player,” October 2021
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2019, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” in Gaming Law
- *Global Gaming Business Magazine*, Emerging Leaders of Gaming 40 Under 40, Class of 2018-2019
- Jewish Federation, Broward County, Shirley Gleich Award, 2018
- Jewish Federation of Broward County, Jerry “Zvi” Wolf Young Leadership Award, 2015
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2014-2018, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation
- *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite, 2012, Listed as an “Up & Comer”