

BILL CURRAN is Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, the body vested with final authority in the oversight and regulation of Nevada's gaming industry. He has served with the Commission since 1989.

The Commission exercises both legislative and quasi-judicial functions and possesses law enforcement status and authority. It is comprised of five members appointed by the governor on a staggered term basis. By law the commissioners may not have ties to the gaming industry, must come from varied professional backgrounds and there may not be more than three members from the governor's political party.

The Commission's policy making role includes consideration and adoption of the extensive regulations that supplement the statutory framework for gaming regulation in Nevada. Additionally, the Commission makes final determinations as to all licensing, disciplinary and other regulatory matters.

The Commission works in conjunction with the separate Gaming Control Board and its staff of 430 employees which, among other things, performs investigative, enforcement, and tax collection/audit functions.

Curran currently practices law with a private firm in Las Vegas. He previously served for more than 10 years as County Counsel to Clark County (Las Vegas) where his responsibilities included serving as counsel to the local Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Earlier in his career he was a prosecutor and policeman. He began his legal career with a major Las Vegas law firm after completing service as a law clerk to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Curran graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, where he was captain of the intercollegiate wrestling team.

He is a past President of the State Bar of Nevada and past Chairman of the International Association of Gaming Regulators.