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Bill represents clients in highly regulated industries. He has worked for all three branches of the Illinois government: the executive, legislative and judiciary. However, Bill represents clients nationwide, both in regulatory matters and civil litigation.

As a former legal adviser to the Illinois Gaming Board (IGB), Bill authored much of Illinois' gaming regulations and advised the IGB and the governor's office on all aspects of gaming law and regulation. Bill draws upon this and his other government experience to counsel clients in gaming and other industries that have regulatory oversight.

Bill guides gaming industry companies, suppliers and investors in navigating complex gaming laws. Bill is regularly called upon to assist clients applying for gaming licenses in jurisdictions across the country. In addition, he regularly defends gaming licensees in disciplinary proceedings and has successfully enjoined regulators from revoking such licenses. Bill also works with gaming regulators and lawmakers to craft new and revised gaming regulations.

Bill counsels clients on promotional sweepstakes, contests, fantasy sport leagues and charitable raffles, ensuring that such programs comply with state and federal laws and do not constitute illegal gambling.

Bill is also co-chair of Fox's Cannabis Law practice* and counsels clients in the medical and recreational cannabis space in multiple states across the country. He is part of a multidisciplinary team at the firm which provides services and guidance to legal marijuana businesses in the areas of:

- Licensing and regulatory compliance
- Shareholder and partnership agreements
- Venture capital
- Banking and financial services
- Taxation
- Employee benefits
- Trademark
- Advertising
- Liability

Additionally, Bill regularly litigates in administrative hearings, trial courts and appellate courts. In addition to the IGB, Bill's experience in Illinois includes representing clients with the Illinois Racing Board, the Illinois Department of Public

Health, the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Board of Elections, the University of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Illinois Comptroller, the Cook County Department of Revenue and numerous local municipalities. Bill has also represented clients with government agencies outside of Illinois. In addition, his litigation experience includes acting as lead counsel in multiple state and nationwide class actions, and handling commercial and regulatory disputes between competitors.

* Please be mindful that possessing, using, distributing and/or selling marijuana is a federal crime, and no legal advice given by Fox is intended to provide any guidance or assistance in violating federal law.

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Bill was a partner at Nixon Peabody (previously Ungaretti & Harris). Bill was also Acting General Counsel and Legal Counsel to the Illinois Gaming Board for over seven years. Early in his legal career, he was Assistant General Counsel to the Illinois House of Representatives and the judicial law clerk for the Honorable Aaron Jaffe in the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

In addition to his legal and state government experience, Bill has held numerous professional and local government positions, including:

- Co-Chair, Administrative Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (February 2017 – Present)
- Co-Chair, Gaming Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (2015 - 2016)
- Legislative Liaison, Administrative Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (2015 - 2016)
- Legislative Liaison, Gaming Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (2014 – 2015)
- Commissioner, East Skokie Drainage District, Lake County, Illinois (March 2013-Present)
- Member, Park District of Highland Park, Parks Advisory Committee, Highland Park, Illinois (2011-2013)
- Commissioner and former Chairman, City of Highland Park Natural Resources Commission, Highland Park, Illinois (2011-2013)
- Commissioner and former Chairman, City of Highland Park Environmental Commission, Highland Park, Illinois (2006-2010)

Honors & Awards

- Selected for inclusion in *Expert Guide's: Best of the Best USA* – Top 30 Gaming Lawyers in the United States (2014)

Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Administrative Law & Government Relations
- Cannabis Law
- Gaming
- Litigation
- Technology

Bar Admissions



- Illinois
- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Education

- IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D.)
- University of Illinois (M.P.H.)
- University of California, Santa Cruz (B.A.)
- Loyola University Chicago (Certificate in Project Management)

Memberships

- Chicago Bar Association (Legislative Liaison for Administrative Law Committee, Gaming Law Committee Co-Chair - 2014-2015)
- International Masters of Gaming Law
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Cannabis Bar Association
- National Cannabis Bar Association
- Cannabis Law Journal, Editorial Board Member



Publications

May 24, 2018

At Stake

2018

National Survey on Marijuana Laws and Regulations

April 12, 2018

At Stake

March 8, 2018

At Stake

February 12, 2018

At Stake

January 10, 2018

At Stake

January 4, 2018

AG Sessions Issues Cannabis Policy Reversal. What Does It Mean for the Industry?

November 16, 2017

At Stake

September 22, 2017

At Stake

Autumn 2017

Building “Walls” to Enhance Tribal-State Cooperation

Indian Gaming Lawyer

August 24, 2017

At Stake

June 28, 2017

At Stake

May 25, 2017

At Stake

Spring 2017

Illinois Gaming Board Granted Exclusive Jurisdiction To Determine Validity of Video Gaming Contracts

American Gaming Lawyer

April 24, 2017

At Stake

March 24, 2017

At Stake

February 23, 2017

At Stake

January 26, 2017

At Stake

December 15, 2016

At Stake

November 3, 2016



At Stake

October 7, 2016

At Stake

September 1, 2016

At Stake

July 21, 2016

At Stake

June 3, 2016

At Stake

April 22, 2016

At Stake

December 23, 2015

At Stake

November 30, 2015

The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Gambling 2016

International Comparative Legal Guide

November 13, 2015

At Stake

September 24, 2015

At Stake

August 26, 2015

At Stake

July 23, 2015

At Stake

April/May 2015

Will Your Zero-Tolerance Policy Go Up in Smoke?

CBA Record

May 11, 2015

Springtime in Chicago

Gaming Alert

March 21, 2014

New Shades of 'Gray Area' Gaming in Illinois: Internet Cafes and Coupon Machines Coming to Towns That Opted Out of the Video Gaming Act

Gaming Law Review and Economics, Vol. 18, No. 2.

January 1, 2001

StarLink Corn: Lessons In Liability (Chapter)

StarLink: Lessons Learned, FCN Publishing

Events

The State of the Medical Cannabis Industry in the US and Israel

May 28, 2018 at 8:30am – 11:30am

BE ALL - Innovation Society

Hosted by: Fox Rothschild LLP

Teaming up on Ethical Issues in the Workplace and the Great Marijuana Debate

May 22, 2018 at 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

Hosted by: ALM

The Mounting Fiscal Challenge

January 6, 2018 at 10:00am – 11:30am

Hyatt Regency Miami

Hosted by: National Council of Legislators from Gaming States

Legal and Regulatory Issues in Emerging Industries: Cannabis

November 11, 2017

Northwestern University, Chicago

Hosted by: Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Illinois' Joint Committee on Administrative Rules: Reviewing State Rulemaking

October 16, 2017 at 12:15pm – 1:30pm

Webcast

Hosted by: The Chicago Bar Association

The Highs and Lows of Marijuana Legalization—Part II

October 2, 2017 at 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Sands Convention Center

Hosted by: International Association of Gaming Advisors

ABA Panel on Venture Investing in Cannabis Companies

September 14, 2017 at 10:00am – 11:00am

Annual Meeting

Hosted by: American Bar Association Business Law Section

Retail Gaming: Revenue Source vs. Casino Cannibal

June 10, 2017 at 8:30am – 9:45am

The Westin Denver Downtown

Hosted by: National Council of Legislators From Gaming States (NCLGS)

The Highs and Lows of Marijuana Legalization

May 31, 2017 at 1:15pm

JW Marriott Essex House



Hosted by: International Association of Gaming Advisors: International Gaming Summit

The State of Cannabis Law in 2017 and Beyond

March 16, 2017 at 2:00pm

IIT Chicago-Kent Auditorium

Hosted by: IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

Medical Cannabis in Illinois

April 25, 2016 at 8:00am – 5:00pm

The Gleacher Center

Hosted by: Law Seminars International

20th Annual National Institute on the Gaming Law Minefield

February 11, 2016 at 8:30pm – 5:30pm

Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa

Hosted by: American Bar Association

State Actions to Prevent/Cease Unregulated and Illegal Gambling

February 11, 2016 at 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa

Hosted by: American Bar Association

Players or Pawns? The Future of Fantasy Football

January 26, 2016 at 3:00pm – 4:15pm

University of Chicago Institute of Politics

Hosted by: University of Chicago Institute of Politics

Managing and Navigating Legal Challenges for Online Gaming and Credit Card Transactions

September 18, 2015 at 10:30am – 12:00pm

Chicago, IL

Hosted by: American Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Meeting

Gaming Market Migration, Impacts on Products and the Regulatory Factors That Will Come Into Play

March 30, 2015

Hosted by: International Masters of Gaming Law 2015 Spring Conference

The Morphing of Social Gaming, Fantasy Sports and Sweepstakes Into Gaming

February 12, 2015

Hosted by: American Bar Association's 19th Annual National Institute of the Gaming Law Minefield

Don't Chance It: An Introduction to Illinois Gaming Board Administrative Hearings

November 21, 2014

Hosted by: Chicago Bar Association

How To Enhance Your Standing With a Regulator

November 7, 2014

Hosted by: International Masters of Gaming Law 2014 Fall Conference

Internet Cafes, Raffle Machines and Sweepstakes Games in Illinois: Loophole or Illegal Gambling?

December 6, 2013

Hosted by: Chicago Bar Association

Video Gaming Issues and Challenges: Q&A With the Regulators

June 18, 2013

Hosted by: Illinois Coin Machine Operators Association 2013 Annual Meeting

More Issues for the Local Government Attorney: Video Gaming in Your Community

May 23, 2013

Hosted by: Illinois State Bar Association

Regulatory Reform & Implementation – Ongoing/New Efforts, Updates and Successful Strategies

May 10, 2013

Hosted by: International Masters of Gaming Law 2013 Spring Conference

Legal and Illegal Electronic Gaming Machines

December 14, 2012

Hosted by: Illinois State's Attorneys Association

Enforcement Issues and Tactics for Illegal Gaming Machines

September 12, 2012

Hosted by: Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives

Illegal Gaming Machines

August 29, 2012

Hosted by: Office of the Cook County State's Attorney

News

March 16, 2018

Garden State Pot Biz Possibilities Have Firms Seeing Green

Law360

January 30, 2018

In the News

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

January 23, 2018

As Legal Issues Surround Cannabis, Law Firms Get Ready

ROI-NJ

January 4, 2018

First Lawyer Comments Come Through on Sessions Decision To Rescind Cole Memo

Cannabis Law Report

November 15, 2017

Is Your Town Breaking State Law? Could Be, and Queen of Hearts Jackpots May Be in Jeopardy.

Belleville News-Democrat



October 31, 2017

A Roundtable Discussion: Medical Cannabis

Crain's Chicago Business

October 11, 2017

In the News

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

October 3, 2017

Gaming Regulators Struggle to Deal With Legal Marijuana

Gambling Compliance

October 2, 2017

G2E Talk Only a Prelude to Nevada Leaders' Pot Discussion

Las Vegas Review-Journal

September 27, 2017

In the News

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

August 17, 2017

Lateral Surge on the Horizon as BigLaw Gets into Pot

Law360

June 28, 2017

The Fox Rothschild Cannabis Practice Interview

Cannabis Law Report

April 25, 2017

Is It Time To Grow Your Marijuana Practice?

FindLaw

April 19, 2017

As Marijuana Gains Acceptance, Law Firms Cultivate New Pot-Specific Practices

Chicago Tribune

December 19, 2016

How BigLaw Finally Learned To Try Pot

Law360

December 12, 2016

Don't Bet Your Job on Legal Pot

CityLab

December 5, 2016

Big Law Feeling Freer to Advertise Medical Pot Practices

The Legal Intelligencer

November 17, 2016

Gaming Board: 19 Shops Wrongly Denied Licenses

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

November 7, 2016

William Bogot and Joshua Horn Named Co-Chairs of Fox's Cannabis Law Practice

November 3, 2016

William Bogot Admitted to the Michigan Bar

November 3, 2016

Marijuana at the Polls Poses Headache for Regulators, Catnip for Firms

Law.com

September 7, 2016

Fox Releases National Survey on Cannabis Laws and Regulations

Ganjabpreneur

August 31, 2016

Fox Releases National Survey on Cannabis Laws and Regulations

July 1, 2016

Gun Shop Raffle To Benefit Orlando Victims Canceled Amid Legal Questions

Chicago Tribune

October 17, 2015

Illinois Attorneys Get Ethics Guideline on Medical Marijuana

The State Journal-Register

September 18, 2015

Online Gambling Still A Risky Bet For Casinos, Banks

Law360

September 16, 2015

State's Medical Marijuana Program Faces New Crop of Challenges

WTTW Chicago Tonight

July 27, 2015

Pot Luck: Marijuana Legalization Drives Budding Practices

The American Lawyer

July 13, 2015

People on the Move

Chicago Business Journal

June 29, 2015

For Employers, Medical Marijuana Poses Legal Thicket

Corporate Secretary

June 15, 2015



People on the Move

Crain's Chicago Business

June 14, 2015

New Pot Bar Has Some Lawyers Seeing Green

The Am Law Daily

May 28, 2015

Big Law Eyeing Marijuana Space

Bloomberg

April 19, 2015

New Hires Beget New Horizons, Plus More Lateral Moves

The Am Law Daily

April 17, 2015

Fox Rothschild Opens in Chicago

The Legal Intelligencer

April 17, 2015

Fox Rothschild Opens New Office In Chicago

Law360

April 16, 2015

Fox Rothschild Enters the Windy City With Gaming, Corporate, Litigation and Real Estate Team

April 16, 2015

Philadelphia Law Firm Opens Chicago Office

Philadelphia Business Journal

April 16, 2015

Philly Law Firm Opens Chicago Office

Crain's Chicago Business

November 10, 2014

Medical Marijuana Decisions Kept Secret

Chicago Tribune