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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**

2018

### **National Survey on Marijuana Laws and Regulations**

August 9, 2018

#### **At Stake**

July 20, 2018

### **Employment Compliance in the Age of Legalized Marijuana**

June 18, 2018

**At Stake**

May 24, 2018

**At Stake**

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?**

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

**Regulatory "Intervention"**

September 7, 2018 at 9:30am – 10:15am

Carlo IV Hotel

Hosted by: International Masters of Gaming Law 2018 Autumn Conference

**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**

Ganjapreneur

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