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Miller Canfield has extensive experience advising and representing clients' business interests under the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act. We were the principal law firm involved in the original licensing of Michigan's three casinos, from the ballot proposal in 1996 to negotiating and licensing the casinos and suppliers. Our attorneys also have developed significant experience in the formation, financing and operation of Indian gaming facilities, in compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. In the course of these representations, we have been retained to litigate several novel challenges to gaming compacts, allegations of illegal gaming, and providing legal advice as to the circumstances when tribes qualify for gaming without state approval. Miller Canfield attorneys have further been involved in the negotiation of tribal-state gaming compacts between the State and some of Michigan's tribes.

We also represent clients before the Office of the Racing Commissioner and have extensive knowledge of the Horse Racing Act of 1995, counseling the racing industry on a wide variety of pari-mutuel wagering issues.

In addition, Miller Canfield served as lead counsel in complex litigation concerning the introduction of Club Keno in 2002 by the Bureau of State Lottery under the Lottery Act and its effect on tribal gaming. Miller Canfield attorneys have represented clients on the racino legislation of 2004 and were extensively involved in Proposition 1 of 2004 which placed limitations on new gaming.