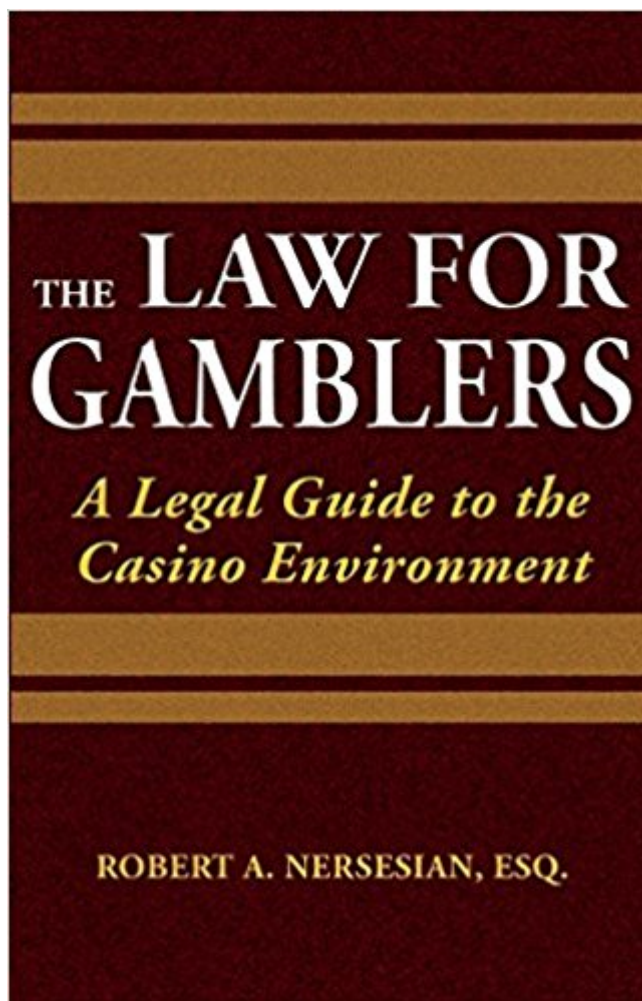


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The Law For Gamblers: A Legal Guide To The Casino Environment



Synopsis

Gambling law is a complicated subject, but one that in some way affects thousands of players daily. Of course, it gets taken to highest terms when you consider the cat-and-mouse game being played between the billion-dollar temples of chance and the world's most skilled gamblers who are looking to beat the casinos at their own game. The Law for Gamblers brings together decades of experience from the world's pre-eminent gambler's advocate, providing perspective gleaned from defending hundreds of casino-related criminal cases. With detailed discussions of subjects that include gambler taxation, the use of aliases, Indian gaming rules, and casino credit, and even hiring an attorney when necessary, The Law for Gamblers provides anyone who sets foot in a casino easy access to understanding their rights. Additionally, the collection of case law and statutory points of view within is unparalleled in the rapidly expanding area of gaming law.

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All the games in gambling casinos are set up so the house has an advantage. It ranges from as small as half a percent, in Blackjack, to as high as 25%, in Keno, and it's there to make sure that over the long run the house makes a profit. That's assuming that most gamblers play randomly, and most players do, whether they know it or not. Play long enough, and you're guaranteed so end up behind where you started. There are two ways for players to beat the house in games of chance. One is to take advantage of the imperfections in the game. One well known way a gambler can do this by keeping track of how the probabilities change as the game progresses, and changing their bet or strategy as the odds are with or against them. The classic example is what's known as

"counting cards," in which the player keeps a count of the 10-valued cards played in order to make a better educated decision of whether to hit or stay. Gamblers can also take advantage of errors in the way a game is set up, or mistakes in the dealer's play, or a dozen other things. And of course a gambler looking for an advantage over the house can cheat. Casinos spend a lot of time and money making sure their customers aren't cheating, but what they considered cheating isn't the same as what the law calls cheating. Casinos have been known to ban players, refuse to pay out winnings, or even make criminal complaints against players who are doing things that are completely legal- in some case, doing things that the casinos themselves do, like using electronic devices to monitor the frequency of cards played. Luckily for these better-than-average players there's Robert Nersesian.

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