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Summary by Steven A. Geller of the complete Florida Gaming Study performed by Spectrum Gaming, issued on July 1, 2013

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As many of you know, the long-awaited report on the current state of gambling in Florida was recently issued by Spectrum Gaming. It is anticipated that the results of this report will help the Florida Legislature craft an omnibus bill to deal with gambling issues in the State of Florida. While it is unsure if legislation will pass in 2014, it is critical that legislation must pass in either 2014 or 2015, or a Special Session of the Legislature in 2014 or 2015, as portions of the Seminole Indian Gambling Compact will expire in 2015. There will be significant pressure on the Legislature to try and pass something in 2014, to avoid negotiating against a deadline.

This report does not contain any recommendations as to what the Legislature should do. The report was specifically designed and instructed not to make any such recommendations. It is the only recent comprehensive study of where Florida is now on gambling. It contains many statistics. It also concludes that much of the current comprehensive analyses of the impacts of gambling are inconclusive.

The report is 298 pages, plus appendices. In order to avoid you having to read the full report, I have attached a bullet point summary of the report, which is extensive but not all-inclusive. Click here for summary of the report.

Please remember that this is a selected summary of the report. Click here for complete report from Spectrum Gaming Group.

If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Steve A. Geller the Chair of the Gambling Law Section for Greenspoon Marder.

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