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GUN LAKE TRIBE OPENS CASINO AFTER DECADE-LONG LEGAL BATTLE

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan, also known as the Gun Lake Tribe, recently opened the doors of a brand new \$157 million casino, thanks in part to the efforts of attorneys with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP. The opening follows years of anti-gambling group lobbying, lawsuits and other delays by the government.

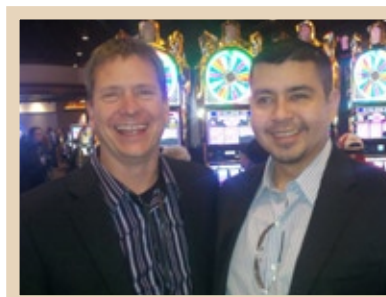
Attorneys for the Firm successfully defended the Tribe's federal acknowledgement determination in 1999 against a challenge by the City of Detroit. In 2001, the Tribe with the Firm's assistance submitted a land-into-trust application to the federal government for the purpose of economic development under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. After several years of delay by the federal government, the trust application was approved in May 2005. The decision was challenged, however, by a wealthy group of business people from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area, who funded multiple lawsuits to delay the casino's opening. FPM attorneys Conly Schulte and Shilee Mullin represented the Tribe in defending the suits.

In 2009, after opposition efforts to enjoin the land transfer were defeated, the United States Government took land into trust on behalf of the Gun Lake Tribe for the proposed casino site, and the Secretary of the Interior thereafter approved a Class III gaming compact between the Tribe and the State of Michigan. FPM attorney Conly Schulte assisted in the compact negotiations, and FPM continues to represent the Tribe in pending litigation involving the trust land.

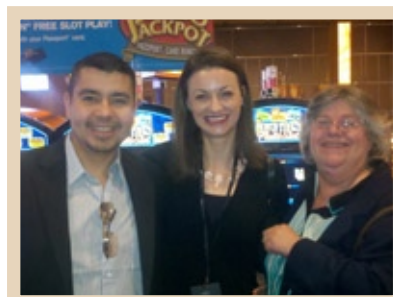
In the meantime, attorneys Conly Schulte, Shilee Mullin and Patty Marks of FPM were in attendance to congratulate Tribal officials during Grand Opening festivities at the Gun Lake Casino on February 10th.



Attorney Patty Marks, Gun Lake Tribal Chairman D.K. Sprague, Attorney Conly Schulte and Mrs. Sprague at Gun Lake Casino Opening 2/10/11.



Attorney Conly Schulte and Tribal Vice-Chairman Ed Pigeon.



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