

Energy in the Gaming Sector in Central Asia

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- Nuclear
- Renewables and Unconventional Energy
- Conventional generation
- Transmission and distribution
- Retail electricity and natural gas supply
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Gaming

The gaming industry is continuously changing and evolving. Our goal is to make sure you are always at the top of your game.

Gaming and gambling enterprises are among the most heavily regulated and monitored businesses in North America and Europe, so you need a partner who can find a clear path through federal, state and provincial laws. That's Dentons.

Use our deep knowledge of the industry's ins and outs to identify your best options and strategies for success and achieve a win-win outcome.

Whether you are a casino operator, a government gaming corporation, regulator, Internet gaming company, racetrack or supplier, we help you navigate all the complexities of the industry, including:

- Negotiating operating and development agreements with regulatory authorities
- Advising on compliance matters, including regulations in Internet and wireless gaming
- Complying with gaming license requirements within and across jurisdictions—including the critically important issue of cross-border regulation within the European Community
- Representing you in negotiations with regulatory agencies, including investigations
- Reviewing marketing, advertising and privacy matters to ensure compliance with jurisdictional obligations
- Assisting with the legal aspects of credit and collection of debts
- Advising on litigation matters affecting casino operations—including non-gaming legal issues such as employment law, banking regulations and personal injury law
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