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ILLINOIS APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN'S FIGHT FOR INTEGRITY OF ILLINOIS GAMING

Fourth District Court Upholds Revocation of Emerald Casino License

Springfield – In a very significant ruling, the Illinois Appellate Court in Springfield yesterday upheld the Illinois Gaming Board's (IGB) decision to revoke Emerald Casino Inc.'s (Emerald) license to operate a casino in Rosemont. In a 152-page unanimous decision, the Appellate Court concluded: "Emerald's proved violations of the Board's rules are plentiful. Each one of these violations, standing alone, could support a revocation of Emerald's gaming license."

Attorney General Lisa Madigan strongly objected to a proposed settlement that would have allowed Emerald to avoid revocation and has vigorously resisted numerous state and federal court actions filed by both Emerald and the Village of Rosemont seeking to operate a casino in Rosemont. The Appellate Court ruled that the Attorney General had the authority to prevent the settlement and pursue revocation of the license.

"This has been a long fight to restore and ensure the integrity of the gaming industry for the people of Illinois," said Attorney General Madigan, who represented the IGB in this appeal and several other suits brought by Emerald and the Village of Rosemont to prevent revocation of Emerald's license. "I am pleased by the Court's decision affirming the revocation of Emerald's license and the protection it provides the citizens of Illinois against unsuitable casino operators who do not deserve the privilege of owning and operating a casino in Illinois. I hope that as a result of this decision, the State will soon have the opportunity to put the 10th license to work for the people of Illinois."

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