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JUNE GAMING COMMISSION MEETING AT MU LAW SCHOOL WILL BE CHAIRMAN SMITH'S LAST MEETING

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri - The June 26, 2003 meeting of the Missouri Gaming Commission will be held at the University of Missouri Law School. This will be Chairman Robert Smith's final meeting as a commissioner. He was appointed to the Gaming Commission in July of 1997. He became acting chairman of the Commission in October of 2001 and was elevated to chairman in August of 2002. His term expires in July and pursuant to Missouri law he cannot be reappointed.

The meeting at MU will be a homecoming for Mr. Smith. He received his A.B. and law degrees from the school. He has been honored by the University with the institution's Alumni Faculty and Law School Citation of Merit awards.

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JUNE MEETING TO BE CHAIRMAN'S LAST

The expiration of Chairman Smith's term will leave Floyd Bartch as the senior member of the Commission. Mr. Bartch was appointed to the Commission on July 11, 2002. Commissioner Batch said, "Chairman Smith will be greatly missed. As the senior member of the Commission he provided us with invaluable historical and institutional knowledge about the Commission and the industry. Also, as an attorney he served as a filter for us non-attorneys for the legal complexities that would pop up."

Mr. Smith will continue to reside in Columbia, Missouri where he served as Mayor from 1961-63. He is a practicing attorney and is the co-founder of the Columbia law firm Smith & Lewis. He has served on several Missouri Bar association boards, including the Board of Governors. He has been honored by Bar with the Missouri Bar Pro-bono Award. He is a WWII and Korean War veteran. He served as Speaker Pro -tem in the Missouri House of Representatives. He has served on the Stephens College Board of Curators and the Missouri Historical Society Board of Trustees, as well as president of the Columbia Kiwanis Club and the Missouri Symphony Society.

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