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KIRSTIN LOWRY SOMMERS NAMED GENERAL COUNSEL AT SENECA GAMING

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. – Seneca Gaming Corporation has announced that Kirstin Lowry Sommers has been named the company's General Counsel. She joins the corporation's senior management team after serving as Acting General Counsel for the past three months.

Lowry Sommers will oversee all legal processes, policies and actions on behalf of the corporation's Board of Directors, the company and its three casino operations, including contracts, risk management, compliance and regulatory oversight.

"Kirstin's insight and leadership have been tremendously valuable to Seneca Gaming Corporation's efforts over the past year to position the company for continued growth and success," said Cathy Walker, President and CEO, Seneca Gaming Corporation. "Her grasp of the many important issues that impact our business has earned her the trust and respect of our Board of Directors and our senior management team."

Lowry Sommers built a distinguished legal career prior to joining Seneca Gaming Corporation in 2010. As a litigator, she has a background in complex commercial and securities litigation and has defended commercial contract and securities class actions, among other matters. In addition, she has extensive experience in development and sustainable initiatives, having worked with builders, contractors, suppliers and governmental entities in matters involving contracting and risk mitigation. Lowry Sommers was among the first of relatively few attorneys in the region to have earned the prestigious LEED® Accredited Professional qualification.

Lowry Sommers has been admitted and has practiced before courts in New York State, the United States Federal Court, Western District of New York and the courts of the Seneca Nation of Indians, among others.

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In addition to her work with Seneca Gaming Corporation and in maintaining her own private practice, Lowry Sommers previously worked in an Of Counsel capacity with the Buffalo law firm of Hurwitz & Fine and as a litigation associate with Nixon Peabody.

A recognized leader in the field, Lowry Sommers has counseled numerous clients in the areas of American Indian law and policy. Her work in this area has included working with various Native American and minority business enterprises on general business matters, government contracting and compliance.

"It is a tremendous professional honor to accept this position with Seneca Gaming Corporation. I have been incredibly impressed with the company's operation and its leadership position within the gaming industry and the local economy," Lowry Sommers said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in the continued development of the Seneca Nation and to use my professional skills to benefit the Seneca people in this way."

An enrolled member of the Seneca Nation, Lowry Sommers is a graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. Her professional affiliations include membership in the New York State Bar Association, the Erie County Bar Association, the National Congress of American Indians, and the American Solar Energy Council.

Since opening Seneca Niagara Casino in 2002, Seneca Gaming Corporation has grown to employ more than 3,700 people, making it one of the largest private employers in Western New York. Seneca Gaming Corporation operates world-class facilities offering more than 6,500 slot machines, 140 table games, 800 hotel rooms, a championship golf course and other related amenities. For more information, visit www.senecacasinos.com.