

There are 134 individuals and entities currently listed whose applications the Nevada Gaming Commission has denied, revoked or found unsuitable since 1980 as of August 2015.ⁱ Here are a few examples of the denials and unsuitability determinations the Nevada Gaming Commission has made since 2007:

In 2007, **David Hoopengardner's** application for a joint tenancy in a pub was denied largely because regulators believed he "concocted fake documents"ⁱⁱ to falsely convince a court he had satisfied court-ordered obligations resulting from a 2003 DUI.ⁱⁱⁱ

In 2008, **Francis Wat** was denied as an independent agent for reasons including failing to disclose two past gaming license denials, lawsuits, various investment and bank accounts, loans and other liabilities, and the extent of his Hong Kong business operations.^{iv}

In 2010, **Benjamin Brown** was denied participation in a restricted license after failing to disclose he was terminated as an executive slot host for misappropriating complimentary show tickets and hotel rooms. He also refused to cooperate with the Board's investigation.^v

That year, **Neshan Artinian** was denied as an officer, director and shareholder in a lounge and grill. The Clark County DA had charged Artinian with three counts of drawing and passing bad checks in excess of \$7,500^{vi} that included felony crimes of theft. Warrants had been issued for his arrest.^{vii}

Also in 2010, **Daniel Awdashevich Daniel** was denied licensure as sole officer, director and shareholder of an entity seeking a restricted gaming license. Board members were concerned about his lack of cooperation, potential hidden ownership in the corporate entity, and misrepresentations made to the County and Board.^{viii}

Again in 2010, **Bruce Shepard** was denied as an officer and key employee for reasons including failing to disclose information, failing to fully report income to the IRS and/or taking unsubstantiated deductions, and demonstrating a general lack of business probity because of his disorganized personal and professional finances.^{ix}

In 2011, **Robert Patterson** was denied as a key employee. He had been terminated from his job based on embezzlement charges involving \$34,000 and, related to those charges, he had been found guilty of criminal forgery.^x

Also in 2011, **David Morris** and his company were denied licensure. Morris had failed to make a full and true disclosure in his application and the Board found he had been "less than candid" during his background investigation and hearing.^{xi}

In 2013, **Amer Ramo's** application was denied. Ramo had plead guilty to receipt, possession and purchase of contraband cigarettes and had received a five-year probation sentence. The Board also found Ramo had been in possession of counterfeit currency.^{xii}

Lastly, in 2014, **Man Ho Lam and Newage Gaming LLC** were denied for failing to submit information to the Board and submitting erroneous gaming revenue projections. There were

also issues with the financial records from Lam's other businesses and a 1987 conviction concerning federal currency transaction reporting requirements.

ⁱ Listings of Denials, Revocations, and Findings of Unsuitability Entered by the Nevada Gaming Commission for the Period January 1980 Through August 2015. <http://gaming.nv.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=10019>

ⁱⁱ State Gaming Control Board Restricted Agenda, Item R06-0488 Crosby's, 4/5/07, p. 29

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid, pp. 24 * 13.

^{iv} Order in the Matter of Nonrestricted Agenda No. N05-0691, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 5/22/08.

^v Order in the Matter of Restricted Agenda No. R09-0558, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 1/21/10.

^{vi} State Gaming Control Board Restricted Agenda, Item R09-0242 Mezza Lounge & Grill, 3/4/10, p. 5.

^{vii} Order in the Matter of Restricted Agenda No. R09-0242, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 3/18/10.

^{viii} State Gaming Control Board Restricted Agenda, Item R09-0052 Matryoshka, 4/8/10, pp. 4-7.

^{ix} Order in the Matter of Nonrestricted Agenda Item #N01-11-10, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 11/18/10. [Green, Steve. "Former Las Vegas bingo, kneo operator in bankruptcy," Las Vegas Sun, 3/10/11.](#)

^x Order in the Matter of Nonrestricted Agenda Item #01-02-11, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 2/24/11.

^{xi} Order in the Matter of Restricted Agenda No. 11-0214, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 9/22/11.

^{xii} Order in the Matter of Restricted Agend a Item #25-05-13, R11-0419, State Of Nevada Gaming Control Board, 5/2/13.