

## ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD Press Release

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## GAMING BOARD RESPONSE TO BANKRUPTCY RULING

Yesterday, Bankruptcy Judge Eugene Wedoff ruled that the federal bankruptcy law did not prevent the Illinois Gaming Board from prosecuting the pending disciplinary action against Emerald Casino, Inc. We are pleased that Judge Wedoff recognized the jurisdiction and authority of the Illinois Gaming Board to regulate and discipline its licensees.

Judge Wedoff's ruling shows that the Illinois Gaming Board and its staff has worked diligently to ensure the integrity of gaming in Illinois, especially in regards to Emerald Casino. The Gaming Board is committed to serving the people of the State of Illinois through the regulatory process.

The Illinois Gaming Board will continue to work toward a resolution of the Emerald Casino matter. The Illinois Gaming Board and the Illinois Attorney General will jointly meet with Emerald Casino to resolve any outstanding issues. If the Board cannot resolve its differences with its licensee, the Board will reconvene the disciplinary hearing to revoke Emerald's license. The Board will see that revocation process through to its conclusion, no matter how long that process may take.