

Executive Biographies Mohegan Sun Management Team & Mohegan Tribal Council

James Gessner, Jr. Chairman Mohegan Tribal Council

As Chairman, James Gessner Jr. is responsible for maintaining the sovereignty that the Mohegan Tribe fought hundreds of years for, overseeing its numerous business entities and ensuring the well-being of its more than 2,200 tribal citizens. As interim Chairman, Gessner also serves as Chairman of the Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE) management board which oversees gaming entities across the country, as well as two professional sports teams. Gessner is in his fourth term on the Tribal Council and served as Corresponding Secretary prior to becoming Vice Chairman. Gessner is a member of the Audit Committee for MGE, and also serves on the American Red Cross board. He is a member of the management boards for Tunica Biloxi Gaming Authority, KOTA and Mohegan Holding Company's Jersey Mike's Subs franchise.

Gessner holds a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and prior to his terms on the Council he held executive positions at Mohegan Sun in the Marketing and Player Development divisions. He resides in Waterford, Connecticut with his wife Carol and daughter Nola and also has an adult son, Nicholas.

Sarah E. Harris Vice Chairwoman Mohegan Tribal Council

Sarah Harris is currently serving her first term in the Tribal Council. Harris earned her Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law, in 2005 and her Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies from Dartmouth College in 2000.

Previously, she was an attorney at various law firms in the Washington DC area, representing Native American tribes, tribal entities and tribal organizations. She

received a presidential appointment to serve as Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and, prior to that, served as Special Assistant to the Solicitor in the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

In 2016, Harris was selected by the National Center for American Enterprise Development (NCAED) as a "Native American 40 Under 40" award recipient for her contributions in business and her community. Harris resides in Norwich, Connecticut and is the proud mother of twins.

Mario Kontomerkos
Chief Executive Officer
Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE)

A Cornell University graduate with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, Mario Kontomerkos joined Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment in September of 2011 as the Chief Financial Officer. As CFO, he was responsible for the company's finances and played a key role in setting a corporate strategy that drove strong unit growth while overseeing several multi-billion capital market transactions which led to a successful financial turnaround.

In October 2017, he was promoted to Chief Executive Officer to focus on corporate diversification. His career path evolved through various key financial, research and analytical roles with companies like Penn National Gaming, Magnetar Capital LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities, Lehman Brothers and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Kontomerkos' experience also includes service as a consultant for TPG Capital LLC on the acquisition of Harrah's Entertainment, the largest leveraged buyout in the history of the gaming industry.

As CEO of MGE, Kontomerkos presides over the full scope of Mohegan's growing portfolio of iconic integrated entertainment resorts, including Mohegan Sun, the flagship, 3.5 million square-foot resort destination in Connecticut, Inspire Entertainment Resort, a multi-billion dollar entertainment destination planned near Seoul, South Korea; as well as Mohegan Sun Pocono in northeast Pennsylvania, Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City and ilani in Ridgefield, Washington.

Kontomerkos' responsibilities are vital to the day-to-day operations of MGE, including on-going brand growth, future business and human capital initiatives and

ensuring that MGE continues to deliver a one-of-a-kind product, unmatched personalized services and memorable guest experiences.

Ray Pineault
Chief Operating Officer
Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE)

Nearing 20 years of service to the Mohegan Tribe including serving as President and General Manager of the brand's flagship property, Mohegan Sun Connecticut, and most recently as Regional President of MGE, **Ray Pineault** brings a wealth of legal and business knowledge with him to the role of Chief Operating Officer (COO). In this role, Ray will oversee MGE's regional presidents to ensure the operational success of each of the nine properties in MGE's portfolio in the US, Canada and South Korea.

As COO, Ray will ensure that each of MGE's properties around the world meets or exceeds operational, employee engagement, guest service, and cultural, strategic and fiscal plans, while maintaining the highest standards of regulatory compliance.

Ray Pineault also served the Mohegan Tribe as the Senior Staff Attorney in the early 2000s, where he was responsible for managing the legal issues associated with commercial transactions of the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Sun, which also involved the financial reporting for both entities as well.

Pineault holds a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Connecticut as well as a law degree from Quinnipiac College School of Law. He resides in Glastonbury, Connecticut with his wife and three children.

Dave Martinelli
Chief Marketing Officer
Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE)

After more than 20 years of service to MGE's flagship property, Mohegan Sun Connecticut, and serving as the property's Chief Marketing Officer, David Martinelli was promoted to Chief Marketing Officer for the MGE brand in 2020. Dave began his career with Mohegan in 1999 and was quickly promoted to Financial Planning & Analysis Manager. He worked closely with the WNBA Connecticut Sun team and

Mohegan Sun Arena as Business Manager before being named Vice President of Customer Relationship Management and eventually Chief Marketing Officer.

Martinelli now oversees a diverse marketing team poised to introduce the Mohegan marketing and entertainment brand to iconic new markets such as Las Vegas and Incheon South Korea and strengthen MGE's brand awareness in existing locations.

Martinelli graduated from Brown University with a degree in Economics and is a Rhode Island native. He currently resides in North Kingstown with his wife, Kerry, and two sons, David and Daniel.

Jeffrey Hamilton
President and General Manager
Mohegan Sun

In 2019, Jeff Hamilton was named President and General Manager of Mohegan Sun. In this position, Hamilton oversees all day-to-day operations Mohegan Sun.

Hamilton has been with Mohegan Sun since 2004 and has also held several key management positions within Human Resources, Advertising and most recently as Assistant General Manager during his time with Mohegan Sun.

Hamilton received a bachelor's degree at Seton Hall University and a master's degree at the University of New Haven. He is a member of the Mohegan Tribe, was 2016 Chairman for the March of Dimes Walk for Babies and is a proud member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of southeastern Connecticut.

In his new role as President and General Manager, Hamilton will also be responsible for achieving overall business objectives and the strategic planning and operational results of Mohegan Sun and will also drive and oversee the development and implementation of capital and operating budgets, marketing business plans, technology, the guest experience, and human capital development.

Hamilton lives in Cranston, Rhode Island with his wife Cynthia and two children Lina and Jeffrey Jr.

Kevin Lowry
Assistant General Manager
Mohegan Sun

As an integral part of the Mohegan Sun team since its establishment, Kevin has served as the former Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Mohegan Sun and Mohegan Sun Pocono. Within the finance department, Kevin has held the roles of Analyst, Budgets and Analysis Manager, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis, as well as VP of Financial Planning & Analysis over the years. He will utilize his wide range of financial knowledge as Assistant General Manager and ensure optimal performance and fiscal growth for the property.

Lowry will work alongside Jeffrey Hamilton, President and General Manager of Mohegan Sun, and the leadership team on all major initiatives.

Lowry is a native of Groton, CT and a graduate of Fitch High School. He earned a Bachelor's in Business Management from Marietta College. He currently resides in Pawcatuck, CT with his two sons Kyle and Luke.