

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 (NCAIED) 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.

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

Ray Pineault brought more than 15 years of legal and business experience to his position as President and General Manager of Mohegan Sun, a title he held from 2015 through his recent promotion as Regional President of MGE in late 2019. In this role, Pineault oversaw all day-to-day operations at Mohegan Sun Connecticut for five years. In 2021, Ray was named CEO of Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE), where he is now responsible for ensuring that all MGE properties meet or exceed operational goals, employee engagement, guest service, and fiscal plans, while driving the overall corporate strategy.

Pineault has been with the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Sun since March of 2001. He served as a Senior Staff Attorney for the Tribe, where he was responsible for managing the legal issues associated with all commercial transactions of the Tribe and Mohegan Sun as well as negotiating and drafting agreements related to business opportunities and consulting with what was then the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority (MTGA) on security issues, including financial reporting and debt financing.

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)

Prior to being named Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) for MGE, David Martinelli held the CMO title for Mohegan Sun Connecticut for five years where he set the strategic marketing plan and oversaw campaign management and analytics, strategic marketing, special events, promotions, loyalty programming, bus marketing, hotel sales and player development. As CMO of MGE, Martinelli is responsible for the full scope of marketing strategy and execution across all MGE owned and/or operated properties.

Martinelli started out with Mohegan Sun in the budgets department in 1999 after finishing his undergrad degree at Brown University. He was soon after promoted to the Financial Planning & Analysis Manager, where he served for four years. His career then took another big jump when he became the Business Manager for the Connecticut Sun WNBA team. The very next transition came in the form of Director of Business Operations for Sports & Entertainment where he resided for four years. Before being named CMO of Mohegan Sun, Martinelli served as the Vice President of Customer Relationship Management in Marketing.

Martinelli has strong and diverse work experience as well as excellent leadership capabilities. Martinelli is a Rhode Island native and currently resides in North Kingstown with his wife, Kerry, and two sons, David and Daniel.

Richard Lindsay
Chief Development Officer
Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment

Richard Lindsay joins the Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE) team as Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer and is responsible for overseeing, directing and managing the business development and growth opportunities for MGE, including identifying, negotiating and creating strategic deals both internationally and domestically.

Previously, he worked for Sol Kerzner who developed Mohegan Sun on behalf of the Tribe which developed his affinity with the organization. He also led the team developing the Atlantis in Dubai. Prior to MGE, Lindsay was the CEO of The John Buck Company, a vertically integrated investment, development and management company providing assistance across the USA and in Abu Dhabi. Prior experiences include large scale developments at Canary Wharf in London, the Olympic Games in Atlanta and projects in other locations like Morocco, India and Mexico. I

Lindsay resides in Chicago, Illinois with his wife and three grown up children living throughout the US.

Mark Rosa
Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE)

Mark was appointed to the Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer position for Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE) in May 2019. Prior to his position with MGE, Mark had the privilege of serving the Mohegan Tribe as the Chief Audit Executive for several years. Mark has held several executive leadership positions in the information technology, finance and internal/external audit fields. He has over 20 years of diverse experience with a myriad of global companies including "Big 4" Consulting, Retail, Manufacturing, and Entertainment industries. Mark received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Accounting from Stonehill College and an MBA from Northeastern University. He also holds a variety of technical and professional certifications, including Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).

As Senior Vice President & CIO, Mark oversees all Information Technology operations and Cyber Security systems across MGE properties.

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 at the property.

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 (AGM)
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, Senior Analyst, Budgets and Analysis Manager, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis, as well as Vice President 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.

Kevin will work alongside Jeffrey Hamilton, President and General Manager of Mohegan Sun, and the leadership team on all major initiatives. As AGM, Lowry will also provide oversight for all finance, gaming, tenant and retail operations at Mohegan Sun Connecticut.

Kevin graduated from Marietta College with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and currently resides in Pawcatuck, CT with his two sons Kyle and Luke.