

## Biographical Sketch

Keith Whyte is Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) in Washington, D.C. He has over nineteen years of public policy experience at the national level, including more than seventeen years of involvement with gaming and problem gambling issues. Recognized internationally for his work on gaming policy, Mr. Whyte has presented on gambling issues in 39 US states and 13 countries. He has testified before the United States Congress four times and appeared before numerous state legislative and regulatory bodies. Keith is frequently quoted in the national and international media.

## Biographical Profile

Keith S. Whyte became the Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) in October 1998. He oversees all aspects of NCPG operations, with a particular focus on legislative advocacy, media relations, research and public policy. NCPG is the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families. NCPG was founded in 1972 and is the oldest and most objective organization on gambling issues.

Previously, Mr. Whyte served as Director of Research for the American Gaming Association where he was responsible for research and public policy issues, including problem gambling. His prior experience includes the American Bar Association's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities where he dealt with policy issues relating to civil rights, human rights, healthcare, and immigration law. He began his career working on healthcare policy in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Keith graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Certificate in International Relations. He also studied at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

To date Mr. Whyte has presented on gambling issues in 39 US states and Austria, Bahamas, Canada, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Macau, Malawi, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa and the United Kingdom. He has testified four times at the request of the United States Congress on gambling-related Federal legislation, and appeared before numerous state legislative and regulatory bodies. Keith has written numerous articles, studies and book chapters on gaming matters. He regularly discusses gaming issues in national and international print, radio and broadcast media, including appearances on ABC News, ABC News Nightline, CBS News, CBS Today Show, Dateline NBC, NBC Nightly News, Fox News, ESPN, CNN, CNN International, Voice of America and the BBC. Keith is an Editorial Board member of *Gaming Law Review and Analysis of Gambling Behavior*. He is a member of the International Masters in Gaming Law Responsible Gaming Committee. Keith also serves as a reviewer for the *Journal of Gambling Issues* and the Alberta Gaming

Research Institute, and sits on the Advisory Boards of the International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University and the Center for Gambling Studies at Rutgers University. He was appointed to Singapore's International Advisory Panel for Problem Gambling by the Minister for Health for 2014-2015.

A longtime resident of Arlington, Virginia with his wife Stacey and son Ian, Keith is an appointed member of the Arlington Community Services Board, which oversees the County mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse services. He is a precinct captain for the Arlington County Democratic Committee, delegate to the Arlington Civic Federation and longtime volunteer for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Keith is an avid cyclist who rides more than 3,000 miles per year and chairs the Arlington Fun Ride, an annual regional cycling event. Finally, Keith is a passionate supporter of the D.C. United soccer team as well as an enthusiastic traveler who has visited more than 40 countries on six continents.

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