



Biography:

Ed Martin
CEO and President,
Association of Racing Commissioners International

For the past twenty years, Ed Martin of Saratoga Springs, NY has been a leading figure in the regulation of horse racing in North America.

Now in his twelfth year as President/CEO of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), Martin previously served as Executive Director of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board. In that capacity, he oversaw investigations that:

- Resulted in the federal felony indictment of the New York Racing Association and subsequent clean-up of irregularities in the mutual department;
- Solved the computer hacking scheme that turned losing wagers into winning ones during the 2002 Breeders Cup; and,
- Triggered a management overhaul at the Capitol Region Off-Track Betting Corporation.

He also was instrumental in formalizing the Medication Advisory Panel with horsemen and track representatives, enacting rules to expand wagering on horse races to NY bars and restaurants, and mediating horsemen-track disputes. A non-lawyer, Martin has served as a Hearing Officer on many racing regulatory cases and his decisions have been upheld in both the state and federal court systems as high as the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

As President of ARCI, Martin is credited with the reuniting of North American racing regulators into one unified group and working to expand the professionalism of the association through greater involvement of regulatory attorneys, lab directors, regulatory veterinarians, pari-mutuel auditors, and Executive Directors. ARCI now conducts professional training sessions each year for new racing regulators and has formalized its Model Rules process.

During Martin's tenure, ARCI has advanced uniform standards for totalizator systems, wagering security, drug testing laboratories, and national medication policy.

Martin is actively involved with key racing industry committees, including those affecting drug testing standards and practices, wagering systems security, driver and rider safety, and the education and training of racing officials.

In 2013, Martin was retained as an outside expert to perform an independent assessment of the Ontario Racing Commission for the Province of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture. He also performed a similar role for the Attorney General of the State of New Mexico. He is a recognized authority in horse racing regulation and has appeared as a featured speaker before the following organizations: The National HBPA, Grayson Jockey Club Welfare of the Horse Summit, The Jockey's Guild, American Quarter Horse Association Racing Committee, University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program, United States Trotting Association, and the Racing Committee of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, National Conference of Legislators from Gaming States, and the International Masters of Gaming Law.

Martin was a founding director of the North American Racing Academy and currently serves as a Director of the Racing Officials Accreditation Program and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. He is a member of the Racing Committee of the American Horse Council and has testified before the U.S. Congressional committees on racing regulatory matters.

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