



## **Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation**

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### **Speckert Named Chief Operating Officer of the Newly Established Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation**

**LEXINGTON, KY.** (July 30, 2024) – Susan Speckert has been named the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC), which was established through 2024 Senate Bill 299 and which assumed the responsibilities of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on July 1. Speckert will assume the role starting on August 19.

“I am honored to work alongside the outstanding team at the KHRGC to ensure Kentucky continues to lead in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of horses, riders and all participants as well as the wagering public,” Speckert said. “I am grateful to the Board of Directors and President & CEO Jamie Eads for the opportunity to come full circle in my career to serve the sport I dearly love.”

Most recently serving as the Commissioner of Law for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Speckert’s broad experience, unique qualifications, and deep knowledge of the horse racing industry led to her selection.

Speckert previously served as General Counsel of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, where she was involved in all operations of the agency and was instrumental in drafting regulations related to historical horse racing.

“Susan’s commitment to and knowledge of the horse racing industry is well known,” President & CEO Jamie Eads said. “Her professional experience makes her uniquely qualified to serve as the KHRGC’s first COO.”

“Susan is a well-respected attorney and community leader with the right experience and knowledge to serve in this crucial role,” Board Chair Jon Rabinowitz said. “On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome Susan to the team.”

A graduate of Loyola Law School, Speckert moved to Lexington in 2005 and is married to retired multiple-graded stakes winning thoroughbred trainer Christopher Speckert. They live on a farm in Lexington with their horses and five rescue dogs.



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