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Mary Beth Thomas is the Executive Director of the Sports Wagering Advisory Council of Tennessee. The Sports Wagering Advisory Council is the state regulatory agency that supervises compliance with Tennessee’s Sports Gaming Act, licenses sportsbook operators, registers sports gaming vendors, and ensures that the industry operates in a manner that protects the public interest of Tennessee. Tennessee currently has 13 licensed online sportsbook operators that accepted \$3.85 Billion in wagers in 2022, which generated \$68 Million in privilege tax revenue for the state.

Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Sports Wagering Advisory Council, Mary Beth served as General Counsel to Secretary of State Tre Hargett for eight years, where she was responsible for overseeing the licensing and regulation of daily fantasy sports, in addition to managing the legal and legislative work of the office. Mary Beth was a litigator at one of Nashville’s largest and oldest law firms, Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis prior to her government service. Her legal practice at Waller focused on representing corporate clients in a wide spectrum of commercial litigation.

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