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Winning at the Game of Business

DEBORAH DOUCETTE
Director of Financial Reporting
Boyd Gaming
AGE: 34

Deborah Doucette has risen to an executive level within the casino industry not only because she is smart and extremely good with numbers, but also because she says she works for a “really great company” — Boyd Gaming.

“It’s mainly family owned, though it’s publicly traded. So it has a smallish feel with the components of a large company,” Doucette said.

As director of financial reporting, Doucette has been integral in the public reporting of such transactions as Boyd Gaming’s development of the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City, the acquisition of the Delta Downs Race Track in Louisiana and the recent merger of Boyd Gaming and Coast Casinos.

From creating press releases to internal financial reporting to reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), it falls on Doucette.

“I’m a stickler for detail,” she admits. “You have to be in this job.”

Equally important, she said, is seeing every project through to the end.

“This job requires prioritization of what’s important and evaluating what needs to be done and when.”

At the same time, Doucette must be aware of the changing rules of the SEC and apply them to her company.

“You also have to stay abreast as to what is going on in your company and know what to disclose to meet the rules,” she said.

Doucette, a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a certified public accountant who also worked for the accounting firm Deloitte and Touche, has been with Boyd Gaming since 1998. She is married and has two young children.

— Deborah Roush