

Exploring, Researching and Expanding Education

About the Center

The Center for Alcohol Policy educates policymakers, regulators and the public about alcohol, its uniqueness and its regulation.

The 21st Amendment repealed Prohibition in 1933 and established today's effective system of state-based alcohol regulation. The Center provides valuable education on how states came to be the primary authority over alcohol policy and why various alcohol laws exist. This understanding is critical to ensuring that effective alcohol policies are maintained, so that the problems that led to national Prohibition never return.

The Center's educational activities and research efforts are guided by an executive director and a board of trustees, in conjunction with counsel from an independent advisory council.

State Alcohol Policy Forums

Because alcohol is primarily regulated by the states, the Center works to provide state policymakers and regulators with the research, education and networking they need to enact and enforce alcohol policies that balance marketplace competition with public health and safety.

In addition to exhibiting at national conferences, the Center hosts educational forums in individual states to educate legislators, regulators and the public about the history and rationale for various state alcohol control policies and how they work in the market today.

In recent years, the Center has conducted forums in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Minnesota.



Alcohol Law and Policy Conference

Each year the Center brings together some of the best minds in the country – including state alcohol regulators, public health leaders, state attorneys general, state legislators, educators and industry members – to discuss and debate current alcohol issues and challenges.

The conference has become the leading national forum for alcohol policy education and networking.

Attendees take advantage of this annual forum to learn about a wide range of topics, including 21st Amendment litigation, trade practice enforcement and public health aspects of alcohol regulation.













Republication of Toward Liquor Control

As the 21st Amendment was being considered in 1933, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. commissioned Raymond Fosdick and Albert Scott to study alcohol regulation and prepare America for the return of legal alcohol sales. They produced *Toward*



Liquor Control, which guided policymakers as they set up regulatory systems for alcohol. Much of that effective framework still exists today.

The Center republished this previously out of print work to help today's citizens understand the origins of modern alcohol regulation in the United States. The Center has introduced thousands of copies into circulation to educate regulators, policymakers and the public about the importance of an effective alcohol regulatory system.

Research and Studies

The Center partners with policy experts and those with alcohol regulatory experience to dive deeper into alcohol policy issues confronted in the states today. Reports made possible by the Center include:

- Alcohol Beverage Control: The Basics for New State Alcohol Regulators
- The "Fake Alcohol" Situation in the United States: The Impact of Culture, Market Economics, and the Current Regulatory Systems
- The Need for State Alcohol Regulatory Funding: Fighting Deregulation by Defunding
- The Dangers of Alcohol Deregulation: The United Kingdom Experience



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