



CENTER FOR ALCOHOL POLICY

15th Annual Alcohol Law and Policy Conference

Sheraton Grand Nashville Downtown
Nashville, TN | August 29-31, 2022

Monday, August 29

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Registration – Platinum Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Welcome Reception – Skye, 28th Floor

Tuesday, August 30

All educational sessions will take place in the Platinum Ballroom, 2nd Floor

7:30am – 4:30pm

Registration – Platinum Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor

7:30am – 8:30am

Breakfast – Platinum Ballroom, 2nd Floor

8:30am

Welcome Remarks

Kelly Roberson, *Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy*

8:40am – 9:45am

Legal Update: 21st Amendment and Litigation Nationwide

Brian Fitzpatrick, *Vanderbilt School of Law*

John Neiman, *Shareholder, Maynard Cooper Gale; former Solicitor General of Alabama; former law clerk for Judge Paul Neimeyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court*

Brannon Denning (Moderator), *Starnes Professor of Law, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

9:50am – 10:35am

Fireside Chat with Dave Wulf

Dave Wulf, *Deputy Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau*

Kelly Roberson, *Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy*

10:35am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am – 11:50am

Alcohol Regulation: Sharing Resources and Best Practices

Maria Everett, *Chair, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Authority Board*

Don McGehee, *Division Chief, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, Michigan Attorney General's Office*

Becky Schlauch, *Administrator, Montana Department of Revenue Alcoholic Beverage Control Division*

Russell Thomas, *Executive Director, Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Control*

Pat Gagliardi (moderator), *Chair, Michigan Liquor Control Commission Board*

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch – Broadway Kitchen, 2nd Floor

1:05pm – 1:50pm

Crossroads of Alcohol and Blues in the 20th Century

Will Cheek, *Attorney at Adams and Reese LLP*

Katie Rainge-Briggs, *Exhibition and Collections Manager, National Museum of African American Music*

Kelly Roberson (moderator), *Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy*

1:55pm – 3:00pm

Alcohol Regulation Changes and Traffic Safety

J.T. Griffin, *Principal, Griffin Strategies, LLC; Former Chief Government Affairs Officer, Mothers Against Drunk Driving*

Patrick Maroney, *Former Director, Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division; Principal, Maroney Consulting Services*

Clayton Weems, *Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General's Office*

Jerry Oliver (moderator), *Professor of Practice, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

3:00pm – 3:10pm

Break

3:10pm – 4:15pm

Hot Topics in Alcohol Regulation

Brian Edwards, *Co-Owner Cellar Door Wine & Spirits and Thoroughbred Spirits- 5 locations in Western KY and Vice President Kentucky Association of Beverage Retailers*

Michael Halfacre, *Executive Director, Beer Wholesalers of New Jersey; President, Credit Compliance Corporation*

Steve Schmidt, *Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Communications, National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA)*

Patrick Lynch (Moderator), *Former Attorney General of Rhode Island and Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council Member*

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Evening Reception – Skye, 28th Floor
Tenth Annual Leadership in Alcohol Regulation Award

Wednesday, August 31

All educational sessions will take place in the Platinum Ballroom, 2nd Floor

7:00am – 11:30am

Registration – Platinum Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor

7:15am – 8:15am

Continental Breakfast – Platinum Ballroom, 2nd Floor

8:15am

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Keynote Address from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr

The Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General of Georgia

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What's Top of Mind for Public Health

Raimee Eck, Principal, Sonrisa Solutions LLC

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Yee Hui Yeo, MD, Karsh Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Pam Erickson (Moderator), Founder, Public Action Management, Former Director, Oregon Liquor Control Commission; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council

10:50am – 11:55am

Trade Practices and Competition

Paul Pisano, Senior Vice President, Industry Affairs and General Counsel, National Beer Wholesalers Association

John Bodnovich, Executive Director, American Beverage Licenses

Jim Hall (moderator), Former Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council

12:00pm

Closing Remarks

12:15pm

Departures

Sessions:

Legal Update: 21st Amendment and Litigation Nationwide

Join us as we sit down with legal experts on the 21st Amendment as we hear an update from them on alcohol litigation around the nation and what's on the horizon. From the Supreme Court to the circuit courts, this conversation will give the lay of the land.

Fireside Chat with Dave Wulf

Join us as we sit down with Dave Wulf from the US Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau for an update on the industry.

Alcohol Regulation: Sharing Resources and Best Practices

In this conversation amongst four regulators from around the country, we'll learn more about the challenges they are facing in addition to the necessity and value of strong alcohol regulation.

Crossroads of Alcohol and Blues in the 20th Century

What do pickled pigs' feet, turpentine camps, and juke joints have to do with alcohol? Join us for this engaging discussion on the impact that alcohol has had on music and culture and the themes that run through blues over the course of the 20th Century.

Alcohol Regulatory Changes and Traffic Safety

This session will look at changes in alcohol laws and regulations that were relaxed over the course of the past few years and examine some of the impacts these have made on traffic safety. It is crucial that regulators, industry members, and law enforcement share what is working, what is not working, and what resources (human and financial) will be necessary to enforce laws and preserve public health and safety.

Hot Topics in Alcohol Regulation

This panel will explore some of the hot button issues in alcohol regulation today. From direct-to-consumer shipping of alcohol, drinks to go, new entrants into the market, and trade practices.

Keynote Address from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr

We're looking forward to hearing from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr as our keynote speaker!

What's Top of Mind for Public Health?

A panel to discuss recent trends in alcohol and public health. What's on their radar? What's not on our radars but *should* be? With a wide variety of issues at hand, where should we be focusing our attention and what are some concerns that public health stakeholders have regarding recent trends surrounding alcohol?

Trade Practices and Competition

It's often useful to go back to square one and review the origin of trade practice laws – why do we have them? Why are they important to maintain? This panel will dive into some of the trade practices recently mentioned in the Biden Administration's Executive Order on Competition and provide context around the nuances.

Biographies:

Legal Update: 21st Amendment and Litigation Nationwide

Featuring:

Brian Fitzpatrick, *Vanderbilt School of Law*

Professor Fitzpatrick's research at Vanderbilt focuses on class action litigation, federal courts, judicial selection and constitutional law. He joined Vanderbilt's law faculty in 2007 after serving as the John M. Olin Fellow at New York University School of Law. He graduated first in his class from Harvard Law School and went on to clerk for Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice Antonin Scalia on the U.S. Supreme Court. After his clerkships, Professor Fitzpatrick practiced commercial and appellate litigation for several years at Sidley Austin in Washington, D.C., and served as Special Counsel for Supreme Court Nominations to U.S. Senator John Cornyn. Before earning his law degree, Fitzpatrick graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's of science in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. He has received Vanderbilt's Hall-Hartman Outstanding Professor Award for his Civil Procedure course and the Pound Center's Civil Justice Scholarship Award for his book *The Conservative Case for Class Actions* (University of Chicago Press, 2019).

John Neiman, *Shareholder, Maynard Cooper Gale; former solicitor general of Alabama; former law clerk for Judge Paul Niemeyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court*

John Neiman is chair of the appellate group at Maynard Cooper & Gale in Birmingham, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He clerked for Justice Kennedy on the Supreme Court and Judge Paul Niemeyer on the Fourth Circuit, and he graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2000, in the same class as fellow CAP panel speaker Prof. Brian T. Fitzpatrick (who was class valedictorian, so you do the math!). He was Alabama Solicitor General from 2011 to 2014, and still represents the State of Alabama in water and pandemic-related litigation. He regularly files amicus briefs for the National Beer Wholesalers Association and Center for Alcohol Policy supporting States in Twenty-first Amendment cases throughout the country, including in the Supreme Court (Tennessee Wine), in recent federal appellate litigation that upheld laws from Michigan, Missouri, and North Carolina, and another still-pending case that hopefully will uphold a similar law out of Indiana.

Brannon Denning (Moderator), *Starnes Professor of Law, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

Denning writes in the area of constitutional law; specifically, he has written on the Commerce Clause and the dormant commerce clause; judicial and executive branch appointments; the constitutional amendment process; foreign affairs and the Constitution; and the Second Amendment. He collaborated with Boris I. Bittker, Late Sterling Professor Emeritus at Yale on Bittker on the Regulation of Interstate Commerce and Foreign Commerce (Aspen Law and Business 1999), and is the sole author of the [second edition](#). In 2016, he published [Guns and the Law: Cases, Materials, and Explanation](#) (with Andrew Jay McClurg), a casebook published by Carolina Academic Press that covers various aspects of the legal regulation of firearms from the Second Amendment to the laws governing the use of deadly force. Most recently, he has published the sixth edition of [American Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties](#), for which he is the successor author to the late Calvin Massey. He also recently combined two volumes of the previously-published The Glannon Guide to Constitution Law, publishing a third edition of [The Glannon Guide to Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties](#). All are published by WoltersKluwer. He also wrote [Developing Professional Skills: Constitutional Law](#), an innovative text that furnishes materials allowing students to hone their drafting, analysis, and negotiation skills through constitutional law problems. In addition, he is the co-author of *Becoming a Law Professor: A Candidate's Guide*, a soup-to-nuts guide for the aspiring

legal academic. Denning's other writings have been published in Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Commentary, the Northwestern University Law Review, the William and Mary Law Review, the Minnesota Law Review, the American Journal of International Law, the Wisconsin Law Review, the Tulane Law Review, and Law and Contemporary Problems among other journals and periodicals. He was the recipient of the 2008 Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award for upper-level classes and of the Lightfoot, Franklin & White award for Faculty Scholarship, which he won in 2012, 2016, and 2019.

Fireside Chat with Dave Wulf

Featuring:

Dave Wulf, *Deputy Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau*

Wulf currently serves as Deputy Administrator of the TTB. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Administrator, Mr. Wulf served for nearly 10 years at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the Associate Director for Chemical Security at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Prior to joining DHS, Mr. Wulf held a number of positions at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), serving as Chief of the Bureau's Office of Regulatory Affairs, Director of the National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR), and Senior Counsel for Field Operations. He also served as the acting Deputy Assistant Director of ATF's Office of Public and Governmental Affairs.

Alcohol Regulation: Sharing Resources and Best Practices

Featuring:

Maria Everett, *Chair, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Authority Board*

Maria Everett serves as Chair of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Authority Board. She was formerly a senior attorney at the Division of Legislative Services and Executive Director and General Counsel of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. In her role at Legislative Services, she staffed legislative committees including serving as counsel to the House Committee on General Laws. She drafted legislation and staffed numerous study commissions of the General Assembly impacting the regulation and sale of alcoholic beverages, including the ABC Authority legislation. She also drafted and analyzed legislation relating to public procurement and public disclosure. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech and a Juris Doctor degree from the George Mason University School of Law.

Becky Schlauch, *Administrator, Montana Department of Revenue Alcoholic Beverage Control Division*

Ms. Schlauch has been the Administrator of the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division since 2017. Ms. Schlauch holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration as well as a Master of Business Administration from the University of Montana. In 2018, she earned a Governor's Award for Excellence for her role in saving the department over \$24 million in damages in a class action lawsuit that went to the Montana Supreme Court. Prior to becoming the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Administrator, Ms. Schlauch was the Administrator for the Business and Financial Services Division for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). While at DPHHS she earned a Governor's Award for her role in Medicaid expansion that provided health insurance to an additional 70,000 Montanans. Ms. Schlauch came to state service after almost 15 years of newspaper finance work where she earned a Lee Enterprises President's Award. Ms. Schlauch and her husband, Pat, have six children and seven grandchildren and operate a small resort in Seeley Lake, Montana.

Russell Thomas, *Executive Director, Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Control*

Russell Thomas is the Executive Director of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He is a strong believer that good alcohol public policy can both promote public health and allow businesses to flourish. Prior to his appointment to the TABC, he practiced law in Nashville. He holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is an experienced litigator with over a decade of trial experience as both an assistant district attorney and in private practice. He is a member of the Tennessee, Nashville, and American Bar Associations. He formerly chaired the Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Committee of the Nashville Bar Association.

Don McGehee, *Division Chief, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, Michigan Attorney General's Office*

Donald S. McGehee has devoted most of his career to public service. He is the Division Chief of the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Michigan Department of Attorney General. He was first appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in 1985 by former Attorney General Frank J. Kelley (known affectionately as the Eternal General). He has served under five Attorney Generals including the current Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel. He is charged with running the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division which provides general legal counsel to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, Bureau of State Lottery, Michigan Gaming Control Board, Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Counsel, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Additionally, the division provides legal counsel on all firearms issues and investigates and handles complaints filed by citizens concerning Michigan's bottle deposit law. He is a recognized expert in alcohol and gaming law. He co-authored various legislative amendments to the Liquor Control Code and Michigan Gaming laws and their Administrative Rules. He was one of the principal attorneys for Michigan on the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Heald v Granholm* and the recent Sixth Circuit decision in *Lebamoff vs Whitmer & Gagliardi*, direct shipping cases involving the interplay between the Dormant Commerce Clause and the Twenty-first Amendment. He has worked closely with the Liquor Control Chairman, Gaming Control Board and Lottery Commissioner in regulating alcohol and gaming and dealing with tribal sovereignty and casino compact issues. He also works closely with liquor and law enforcement agencies in combating illegal shipments of alcohol and illegal gambling operations. He has substantial litigation experience and has spoken numerous times at alcohol and gaming conferences and as a visiting speaker at state universities and law enforcement associations.

Pat Gagliardi (moderator), *Chair, Michigan Liquor Control Commission Board*

After graduating from Lake Superior State University in 1974 Pat Gagliardi moved to Drummond Island, Michigan, where he maintains his permanent residence with his wife Debra. He began his career as a real estate broker before entering state politics in 1982. Pat served for 16 years in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he served on the Appropriations Committee and later elected by his colleagues to the position of Democratic Floor Leader. He maintained this leadership role for 10 years until his retirement from the Legislature in 1999.

From 1999 through 2002, Pat was the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for Lake Superior State University. In 2002 he established Gagliardi Associates with a stated purpose of facilitating interactions between government and the private sector. Pat's clients included local and national associations, banks, public advocacy groups, universities, and business development groups.

Pat was first appointed to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in 2003 by Governor Jennifer Granholm where he served for 8 years. He returned to his consulting business in 2011 until, in 2019 Governor Gretchen Whitmer asked him to return to the Commission as Chairman.

Pat also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) and is Chairman of the organization's education committee. Pat is nationally recognized as an expert on state liquor regulation and policy. An impactful speaker, he is often invited to speak

at industry meetings and regularly moderates panel discussions on alcohol control and regulation throughout the country

Crossroads of Alcohol and Blues in the 20th Century

Featuring:

Katie Rainge-Briggs, *Exhibition and Collections Manager, National Museum of African American Music*

Before she came to the museum, Katie taught African American History and Africana Studies at Middle Tennessee State University. For fifteen-years she had the privilege of teaching and learning in the South-Central community. In 2018 she coauthored a chapter in *Designing for equity: Bridging learning and critical theories in learning ecologies for youth*; titled “Schools for Community Action: Public School Design as a Revolutionary Act.” She is presently working on her dissertation in Public History, and her area of research is twentieth century African American history. You can see her work as a public historian digitally at the Middle Tennessee State University’s Center for Popular Music’s website. Her work honors the people, culture, and communities that make our past rich.

Will Cheek, *Attorney at Adams and Reese LLP*

Often referenced as the go-to liquor lawyer in Tennessee, Will Cheek counsels local and national clients on licensing and regulatory compliance under Tennessee state and local liquor and beer laws. Restaurants, bars, hotels, liquor stores, grocers, festivals, entertainment venues, nonprofits and other retailers benefit from Will's more than 30 years of experience advising clients through the complex licensing and compliance processes for the sale and regulation of alcoholic beverages. Will counsels distilleries, wineries, breweries and contract manufacturers on production, distribution and marketing, including complex federal and state tied house issues.

Alcohol Regulatory Changes and Traffic Safety

Featuring:

Patrick Maroney, *Former Director, Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division; Principal, Maroney Consulting Services*

Patrick Maroney is the President of Maroney Consulting Services LLC, and provides consulting related to liquor laws, rules, liability, training and compliance for liquor licensees and stakeholders. Patrick has over 33 years of experience in law enforcement and regulatory compliance. In June 2019, Patrick retired from the state of Colorado where he served as the Director for the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (LED) since 2013. For over two years previously, Patrick served as the Chief of Investigations for the LED. He has also worked for other government agencies including the Colorado Lottery, Colorado Bureau of Investigations, Arapahoe County Coroner’s Office and the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office. Patrick is a former board member of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) and has served on several panels during NCSLA conferences as well as hosted the 2017 National Conference in Denver. During his tenure as Director of the Colorado LED, Patrick saw several changes in liquor law, policy, rules and industry practices. He worked closely with liquor stakeholders in 2016 and 2018 to implement two bills passed by the Colorado legislature that brought about the most significant changes to Colorado’s liquor laws since Prohibition. He also served on the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired driving whose mission is to support the prevention, awareness, enforcement, and treatment of drunk and impaired driving in Colorado through strong partnerships with public, private and non-profit organizations.

Patrick understands the importance of strengthening America’s strong alcohol regulatory system and its relevancy to protecting public health and safety.

J.T. Griffin, *Principal, Griffin Strategies, LLC; Former Chief Government Affairs Officer, Mothers Against Drunk Driving*

J.T. Griffin has over 20 years of Capitol Hill and government relations experience. His career began on Capitol Hill working for a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. Most recently he ran the government relations and communications department at MADD where he achieved unprecedented success for the organization by advancing major legislation that could eventually end drunk driving in America. For over 10 years, J.T. has specialized in bridging technology and transportation. He has worked with numerous high-tech companies and traditional OEM's to promote technological solutions for transportation safety and mobility. Specifically, he has promoted technologies like autonomous vehicles, driver monitoring systems, preserving the 5.9 Ghz spectrum for V2V and V2X connectivity, and rideshare before Congress, the Department of Transportation, and the National Transportation Safety Board. In addition, he has prepared five MADD National Presidents with written testimony and coaching when testifying before several House and Senate committees. On Capitol Hill, J.T. has built a bi-partisan reputation for bringing together lawmakers, staff, and other interest groups to achieve success. He has built an extensive network of Washington contacts on Capitol Hill and with industry, trade associations, and other groups. As the head of government relations and communications, J.T. led his advocacy team to major victories in Congress and in state capitols. J.T. has worked with many individual members of Congress and Senators to introduce various pieces of "standalone" legislation. To accomplish this, he has developed strategic legislative agendas and advanced these goals in each of the last three highway authorization bills as well as over a dozen annual appropriations bills. At the state level, J.T. has worked in almost all 50 states to pass stronger drunk driving laws. These laws are research and data driven and are proven save lives. His expertise has led to the passage of ignition interlock laws, MADD's highest legislative goal, in 34 states. Together these laws have helped save over 8,000 lives during his time at MADD. In 2015, J.T. led the effort to combine the communications and government affairs departments. The result was more strategic and focused messaging for the organization. His work to emphasize earned media through press conferences, op-eds, editorials, and traditional press releases combined with increasing the presence of social media resulted in the passage of strong laws at the state and federal level.

Clayton Weems, *Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General's Office*

Clayton Weems currently serves as an Assistant Attorney General with the Missouri Attorney General's Office, where he focuses on administrative law and professional discipline. Clayton has also served as legal counsel for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, where he took an active role in prosecuting liquor violations, drafting regulations and legislation, and interacting with key industry stakeholders

Clayton earned his MBA from Drury University, as well as his Juris Doctorate with a concentration in international law from Saint Louis University School of Law. Clayton is an Eagle Scout who enjoys the outdoors and loves spending time with his family and his two dogs, Max and Milo.

Jerry Oliver (moderator), *Professor of Practice, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

Former Chief of Police (Detroit, Richmond, and Pasadena) and Arizona alcohol regulator, Jerry Oliver was appointed to the Phoenix Police Department in 1970 before being promoted to Assistant Police Chief in 1988. Oliver was then appointed as Director of Drug Policy before his appointment as Pasadena Police Chief in 1991. He served there for 4 years before becoming Richmond Police Chief in 1995, then Detroit Police Chief in 2002. Following his term as Chief, Oliver was appointed as Special policy Advisor to the Arizona Attorney General in 2004, then appointed by the Governor as Director of the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Hot Topics in Alcohol Regulation

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Brian Edwards, *Co-Owner Cellar Door Wine & Spirits and Thoroughbred Spirits- 5 locations in Western KY and Vice President Kentucky Association of Beverage Retailers*

Brian Edwards is the Co-owner of Cellar Door Wine & Spirits and Thoroughbred Spirits. The first store opened in 2013 and they now have several locations throughout West KY and are headquartered in Murray KY. Cellar Door Wine & Spirits are a 4-time Beverage Dynamics Top 100 retailer and an ABL retailer of the year. Brian and his team work diligently to keep up with the current trends and consumer demands in an ever-changing alcohol industry. Cellar Door prides itself on keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors along with being the safe and final direct line to the intended consumer.

Michael Halfacre, *Executive Director, Beer Wholesalers of New Jersey; President, Credit Compliance Corporation*

Michael Halfacre is Executive Director of the Beer Wholesalers Association of New Jersey as well as President of Credit Compliance Corporation, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Beer Wholesalers Association that assists all New Jersey alcoholic beverage wholesalers in complying with the New Jersey credit regulation with regard to the wholesale distribution of alcohol.

Mr. Halfacre, having served as Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, has a deep knowledge and understanding of alcohol beverage laws and regulations. This experience, added to Mr. Halfacre's background in financial, real estate and political matters, enables him to provide valuable counsel to the Association Members.

Mr. Halfacre was appointed as Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control by Governor Chris Christie. He began his work as Acting Director on February 6, 2012, and after New Jersey Senate confirmation, was sworn in as Director on March 30, 2012.

Prior to leading the ABC, Mr. Halfacre served as mayor of Fair Haven. He took office in the Monmouth County borough in 2007 and won reelection in 2010.

transactions, including purchases, sales and refinancing of real estate, small business transactions and transfers of ABC licenses. He also served as a municipal attorney for several area municipalities.

Mr. Halfacre is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Monmouth Bar Association and is a Trustee of the Monmouth Bar Foundation.

He is committed to public service, having served on the boards of the Fair Haven Community Appeal and the Fair Haven Education Foundation. Mr. Halfacre founded and was first President of The Foundation for Fair Haven, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to improving the Borough of Fair Haven. He also sat on the Board of the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski Foundation, which assists wounded service members.

Steve Schmidt, *Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Communications, National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA)*

Steve Schmidt has been Sr. Vice President of Public Policy and Communications for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) since 2006. Presently he is overseeing the research and development of policy, best practices, and communication strategies to assist states manage alcohol control and regulatory systems. Previously Steve was employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol Education and Prevention Services. Steve has consulted with state and national organizations; authored several articles; and presented at numerous international, national, and state conferences on a variety of alcohol related policy and regulatory issues. He has held adjunct faculty positions at Pennsylvania State University, Villanova University, and York College of Pennsylvania in political science, government and non-profit

management. He has been professionally employed for over 40 years in positions leading efforts to address alcohol related issues at the local, state, and national level.

Patrick Lynch (Moderator), Former Attorney General of Rhode Island and Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council Member

Serving from 2003 to 2010, Patrick C. Lynch, 45, was the 72nd person to hold the office of Rhode Island Attorney General since its inception in 1650. A former State prosecutor, he made reducing juvenile crime the centerpiece of his administration, believing that the career criminals of tomorrow start off as the youth offenders of today. A 1987 graduate of Brown University, Attorney General Lynch earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School. As a Special Assistant Attorney General from 1994 to 1999, he prosecuted cases at every level of Rhode Island's criminal justice system and led the State's prosecution of gang-related offenses. Lynch worked for one of Rhode Island's top law firms until the 2002 election, which capped his first campaign for public office.

Keynote Address from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr

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The Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General of Georgia

As Attorney General, Carr has prioritized combatting opioid use, gang violence, human trafficking, and consumer fraud. He has championed efforts to ensure the protection of particularly older Americans from scams and fraud, working to educate those among us who are most at risk. These efforts are critical and play into the importance of strong state-based alcohol regulation to prevent the entrance of fraudulent alcohol on the market.

Prior to serving as Georgia's 54th Attorney General, Carr served on the Executive Committee for the Georgia Older Adults Cabinet, as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) under Governor Deal, on Georgia's Judicial Nominating Commission, charged with recommending candidates to the Governor to fill judicial vacancies, as Chief of Staff for the late Senator Johnny Isakson, and as Vice President and General Counsel for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation

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What's Top of Mind for Public Health?

Featuring:

Raimee Eck, Principal, Sonrisa Solutions LLC

Eck started her career as a Physical Assistant at the Boston Medical Center before becoming an alcohol policy consultant. She then joined the CDM Group, Inc. as Deputy Project Director before becoming Program Coordinator at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Eck then

moved on to becoming a research assistant at the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, then as President of the Maryland Public Health Association. Eck next joined the National Cancer Institute as a Fellow before becoming Principal at Sonrisa Solutions, a public health consultant group while still being involved with the Maryland Public Health Association.

Lisa Hutcheson, *VP of Prevention and Policy, Mental Health America of Indiana and Dir., IN Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking*

Lisa has been the director of the IN Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking since its inception in 1997 and she is honored to be celebrating 25 years this year! Attending the University of TN, she earned a master's degree in Education with a focus on counseling. She is also the Vice President of Prevention and Policy at Mental Health America of Indiana, and in that capacity is a member of the lobbying team. With a focus on prevention, she educates legislators and lobbies on legislation with a focus on alcohol and more recently tobacco and vaping, cannabis, and gaming. With support of grassroots coalitions, ICRUD has been successful in passing significant alcohol regulation in the last two decades. Lisa has been married to her husband Scott for 33 years and they have two sons - Oliver, who is a senior in high school and Henry, who is a senior at Purdue University. She learned a lot during the pandemic - working at home with your husband and two sons is not easy and she doesn't want to do that again any time soon. Baking was a great hobby during the pandemic but she wishes she would have bought more stretchy pants, and most importantly she learned to stop being "busy" and just be present.

Yee Hui Yeo, MD, *Karsh Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*

Yee Hui Yeo, MD, MSc is a clinical fellow in Karsh Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He is an active investigator on epidemiological and health outcomes research. He has published more than 60 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Yeo serves as an editorial board member for BMC Gastroenterology and early career editor for Journal of Clinical and Translational Hepatology. He is interested in harnessing health data analytic tools, modeling, and meta-analysis to determine the epidemiology, cascade of care, natural history, and outcomes of chronic liver disease including alcohol associated liver disease. He uses large databases, multicenter cohorts and electronic health record from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He enjoys his leisure time with his family (wife, daughter and labradoodle) and exploring Asian food in LA.

Pam Erickson (Moderator), *Founder, Public Action Management, Former Director, Oregon Liquor Control Commission; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

Ms. Erickson is passionate leader on alcohol issues. Currently, she owns Public Action Management, an Arizona small business, and operates an education campaign for a "Healthy Alcohol Marketplace." From 1996 to 2003, she directed the Oregon Liquor Control Commission where she transformed an antiquated bureaucracy into a high performing, results oriented organization. In 2003, she joined Oregon Partnership to direct leadership and media campaigns to reduce underage drinking. Her recent publications include, "Issue Briefs for States, 2016," "Alcohol Deregulation by Ballot Measure in Washington State," "Fair Trade Practice Regulations" and "Public Supports Strong Alcohol Policies." These reports explain how deregulation can lead to increased social problems such as high rates of underage drinking, public order offenses and alcohol related disease. She also served as an expert witness in key alcohol regulation cases in Kentucky and California.

Trade Practices and Competition

Featuring:

Paul Pisano, *Senior Vice President, Industry Affairs and General Counsel, National Beer Wholesalers Association*

Paul Pisano leads the association's efforts in industry, legal and state governmental affairs and serves as a liaison to state distributor associations and outside groups. Prior to joining NBWA, he served at the Department of Commerce, most recently as director of congressional affairs at the U.S. Census Bureau. He also spent six years working in senior positions on Capitol Hill. Pisano holds a B.A. degree from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his J.D. from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law.

John Bodnovich, *Executive Director, American Beverage Licenses*

John is Executive Director of American Beverage Licenses (ABL) and a leading advocate for America's beer, wine and spirits retailers. He works closely with ABL's state and regional affiliates representing on- and off-premise beverage licensee members on matters of concern to beverage alcohol retailers. His work includes managing ABL's federal government affairs portfolio, grassroots advocacy, and strategic communication efforts between ABL and its affiliates. John is ABL's primary representative to industry trade associations, alcohol suppliers, wholesalers and importers, as well as social responsibility organizations and other industry stakeholders. During his time with ABL, John has led association initiatives including legal advocacy, membership and responsibility campaigns, and public awareness efforts addressing alcohol issues. A native of Illinois, John holds a B.A. in Government & International Relations from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master's degree in Political Management from The George Washington University. He and his wife, Erin, reside in Kensington, Maryland with their four children.

Jim Hall (moderator), *Former Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council*

Mr. Hall began his career in Washington as a member of the staff of Senator Albert Gore, Sr. (D-TN). He subsequently served as a counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations under Senator Ed Muskie. He maintained a private legal practice in Chattanooga, Tennessee, before serving in the cabinet of Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter. Mr. Hall served as director of the state's Planning Office for five years. As such he was responsible for overseeing the establishment of the Memphis Headquarters for FedEx, the internationally recognized shipping company. In addition to overseeing this large initiative, Mr. Hall handled policy planning and special projects, including heading up planning for the State's Bicentennial Celebration. It was Hall's initiative that resulted in the construction of the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville, one of the city's newest crown jewels. Hall returned to Washington, D.C. to serve as Chief of Staff for Senator Harlan Mathews (D-TN). In 1993, Mr. Hall was nominated by President Clinton to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and to serve as its Chairman in 1994. He led the Board through January 2001. Hall has for many years been Vice Chairman of the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority. Mr. Hall is a former member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Tennessee and the Board of the UC Foundation, and a former member of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. He was also the Chairman of the Enterprise Center in Chattanooga for eight years, a board member of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, and served on the National Academy of Engineering's Committee on Combating Terrorism and the Aviation Institute Advisory Board of George Washington University. In addition, Mr. Hall served as a member of the External Advisory Board of BP America PLC. Mr. Hall has given congressional testimony before numerous House and Senate committees, including the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (aviation and railroad subcommittees) and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (transportation and surface transportation/merchant marine subcommittees).