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EVAN T. LAWSON To Be Inducted Into NCSLA HALL OF FAME At NCSLA 2014 Annual Conference

2014 is a special year for NCSLA as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators in San Antonio at the annual conference, June 16-20, 2014. Serving as conference host is the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Administrator Sherry Cook.

The annual conference theme is “**NCSLA – 80 Years: Just Getting Started.**” Over the course of four days the business agenda will cover a number of complex and diverse issues that have evolved over the decades.

You must not miss this year’s conference. *Why?* Because NCLSA will honor its third inductee into the NCSLA HALL OF FAME. With great pride, the NCSLA has voted to induct EVAN T. LAWSON, distinguished attorney and co-founder of the Boston law firm, Lawson & Weitzen, LLP, into the NCSLA Hall of Fame under Article V, Section 3 (L) of the NCSLA Bylaws based on his contributions to the NCSLA and the beverage alcohol industry.

EVAN T. LAWSON was a long time supporter of the NCSLA, a friend to many and respected by all. Evan’s contributions to the NCSLA included service as one of two non-voting associate member representatives on the Executive Committee from 2010-12, and frequent panelist for legal education seminars on licensing and administrative law. He was the principal attorney in over 100 appellate cases, including cases involving the relationship between the Commerce Clause and the 21st Amendment, and two in the United States Supreme Court. Perhaps he is best known for successfully representing a Rhode Island liquor retailer in 1996 before the United States Supreme Court in *44 Liquormart v. State of Rhode Island*, which established a First Amendment right to advertise alcoholic beverages prices and overturned a previous Supreme Court ruling that the 21st Amendment gave an “added presumption of validity” to state regulation of alcoholic beverages.

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, June 18, as we honor the contributions and legacy of this special man, EVAN T. LAWSON, as he takes his rightful place alongside the other two NCSLA Hall of Fame honorees: Jeffrey J. Greer and Abe Buchman.

Only two weeks remain before this year’s historic annual meeting of the NCSLA! There’s still time to register - visit www.ncsla.org today and act fast before it’s too late! Please note the room block is ***sold out*** at both the Westin Riverwalk and Sheraton Gunter hotels. Check the NCSLA website for suggestions on other nearby hotels. *Not a member of NCSLA?* Joining is easy - just complete the [online application form](#) and join us for this important conference in San Antonio!

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national organization of state alcohol beverage regulators, founded June 19, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, whose purposes are to promote the enactment of the most effective and equitable types of state alcoholic beverage control laws; devise and promote the use of methods which provide the best enforcement of the particular alcoholic beverage control laws in each state; work for the adoption of uniform laws insofar they may be practicable; promote harmony with the federal government in its administration of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act; and strive for harmony in the administration of the alcoholic beverage control laws among the several states. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.