



# *A Blueprint To The Future*

*2016 Annual Conference – Chicago, Illinois*

Dear NCSLA Member,

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 26-29<sup>th</sup> at The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for its 2016 annual meeting and conference. Serving as conference host is the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Executive Director U-Jung Choe.

The annual conference theme is “**A Blueprint To The Future,**” and during the conference a variety of current issues will be discussed over the course of two and a half days. So come join us in Chicago where NCSLA originated 82 years ago!

We are surrounded by examples of how electronic communications can lead to unforeseen, and sometimes disastrous, consequences. From Hillary Clinton’s home e-mail server fiasco to Anthony Weiner’s sexting scandal to Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane’s release of e-mails to the media and the resulting ethics charges. I think you’d agree that modern communication methods are both a convenience and a curse.

Don’t miss this exciting ethical debate concerning the scope of public inquiry into government officials’ sometimes private communications in “**MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS! KEEPING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSINESS SEPARATE IN THE DIGITAL AGE,**” on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. This session will look at the intersection of technology and some of the rules of ethical conduct such as client confidentiality (*ABA model rule 1.6*) and communicating with parties (*ABA model rules 4.2 and 4.3*).

We can be in touch with the world 24/7, which means business gets done faster and more efficiently, anywhere at any time. This also means the lines between our personal and business lives have become even more blurred. We are sending e-mails and texts all hours of the day and night. We utilize multiple devices—desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones. What does this mean for government officials? When someone makes an open records request, where do we look? Can court-ordered discovery reach a personal cell phone? Are all personal communications and electronic devices now fair game for someone to comb through? What are the legal and ethical obligations? As communication has become easier, many of the legal issues surrounding it have become more complex. Join our esteemed and loquacious presenters, Matthew Botting, General Counsel of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control, and Lou Bright, an attorney with the Texas law firm Martin Frost & Hill, P.C. as they explore some of the pitfalls of modern communications and discuss some potential best practices to insure the public’s business remains proper and transparent without consuming our personal lives.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Chicago, Illinois from June 26-29, 2016 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! **Registration is now open** so visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details, and watch for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2016 Annual Conference to be broadcast in the coming weeks. *Not a member of NCSLA?* Joining is easy - just complete the [online application form](#) on the NCSLA website. You won’t want to miss a minute of these beneficial business sessions in addition to the valuable networking opportunities with colleagues and friends!

It has been an honor to serve as President of NCSLA this year, and I invite all our members to join me in Chicago for this educational and informative conference. I hope to see you there!

Jerry Waters, Sr.  
NCSLA President