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## **NCSLA Goes to Washington, D.C. In June 2012!**

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will convene June 20-24th at the world-famous Mayflower Renaissance Hotel for its 2012 annual meeting and conference. Washington, D.C. is the host city for the Conference.

You should not miss “**A CASE OF INFLUENCE**”, a panel presentation in mock trial format. Scheduled for opening day of this year’s conference, Thursday, June 21st, this “Trial of the Week” will explore the policy, legal, factual and ethical issues that flare up when a Regulator brings charges that a Supplier has been allegedly giving a “thing of value” to a favored Retailer. This panel will demonstrate the tangled web we weave as the trial is argued before you, the jury of attendees, and a panel of three judges, experienced Regulators all: John Suchy of Connecticut, Anne Hutchison of North Dakota, and A. Keith Burt of Oklahoma. And this case would not be complete without Surprise Witnesses ... for both the Supplier and the Retailer.

This case against the Supplier and the Retailer will be argued by knowledgeable trial lawyers: Evan Lawson of Massachusetts and Lou Bright of Texas. Lou has served as Texas ABC General Counsel and has years of experience as trial and appellate counsel in a volume of cases in both State and Federal courts. Lou's practice has focused on counseling members in Texas' burgeoning wine industry, since joining the law firm of Jack Martin & Associates.

Evan was appointed legal counsel to the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in 1969. Since founding Lawson & Weitzen, LLP in 1973, Evan has been the principal attorney in over 100 appellate cases, including cases involving the relationship between the Commerce Clause and the 21st Amendment. In 1996, he successfully represented a Rhode Island liquor retailer before the United States Supreme Court in *44 Liquormart v. State of Rhode Island*, which established a First Amendment right to advertise prices of alcoholic beverages and overturned a previous Supreme Court ruling that the 21st Amendment gave an “added presumption of validity” to state regulation of alcoholic beverages.

This program will also include an opportunity for comments and questions from the audience. This trial may well be the talk of a “buzz-filled” Conference – so ... *Draw Near, Give Your Attendance, and ... Be there!*

Hereof Fail Not So Due Process of Law Will Not Be Taken Against You!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2012 Annual Conference. Start making your plans NOW to come to Washington, DC from June 20-24, 2012 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! This year's meeting starts with the welcoming event on Wednesday evening, followed by the programs running each day from Thursday morning through Sunday morning. Visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) to make hotel reservations. Stay tuned for more details on conference registration to be broadcast in the next few weeks.

### **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](http://www.ncsla.org) for more information.