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NCSLA 2013 Conference Presents “ABA Rule 1.13 and Prisoner 24601”

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 24-28th on the island of Oahu at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort in Honolulu, Hawaii for its 2013 annual meeting and conference. Serving as conference host is the Honolulu Liquor Commission.

The annual conference theme is “**Evolve, Adapt, Endure.**” Our business agenda will cover a number of diverse issues that demonstrate the need, application and importance of this philosophy.

Governmental agencies and their attorneys are often asked to balance private economic concerns against the government’s interest in protecting the public’s health and safety. Frequently, political and private forces seek to exert influence (undue and otherwise) on the regulatory process, ultimately impacting rules, laws, and even the decision-making process itself. With various competing interests at play, doing the “right” or “best” thing isn’t always clear -- or easy.

Government lawyers must remain ever mindful of whom they represent. ABA Rule 1.13 (Organization as Client) and Rule 1.11 (Special Conflicts of Interest for Former and Current Government Officers and Employees) will be discussed in conjunction with the following questions:

- Who is the government lawyer’s client?
- What should government lawyers do when outside, political interests are exerted over their agency?
- What is the obligation of the government lawyer when a conflict of interest issue arises?
- What are the ethical concerns for government lawyers and their new employer (law firm or organization) who leave government service for private employment?

This session will be especially engaging if you need Ethics CLE credits, want a refresher of those ethics rules that seemed either so obvious or unnecessary when you first learned them, are confused thinking Prisoner 24601 is Sideshow Bob's number in the Simpson episode “*Black Widower*” or have no earthly idea what it is. You will not want to miss this lively and informative Friday morning discussion of current ethical issues that influence all lawyers, whether they work in the public or private sector!

Moderator: John Maisch, General Counsel, Oklahoma ABLE Commission and Assistant Professor in the Finance Department at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma

Panelists:

Sarah Byrne, Assistant Attorney General, Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Department of Revenue

Robert Hill, General Counsel, Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Pearlette J. Ramos, Assistant Director of Administration and In-House Counsel, Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

Start making your plans NOW to come to Honolulu, Hawaii from June 24-28, 2013 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! Visit www.ncsla.org today for details, and check back next week to register at the lowest rates! Watch for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2013 Annual Conference to be broadcast in the coming 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 for more information.