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BRUCE BAILEY is the Chairman of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. As co-founder and partner of the architecture and engineering firm, Design Associates, located in Lincoln, Nebraska, Bruce Bailey has 45 years' experience as a real estate developer. His firm has developed many businesses over the years, some with alcohol licenses, in six countries and 26 states. In 2015, Mr. Bailey was appointed by Gov. Ricketts to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, where he now sits as Chairman. Retired and living in Nebraska, Mr. Bailey continues to serve on several community boards and foundations with emphasis on senior adult & youth projects.

DEBBI BEAVERS joined the Kansas ABC in January 2004. In 2010, she was promoted to licensing manager and promoted to operations manager in 2015. She was appointed interim ABC Director in 2016 and was confirmed by the Senate in January 2017. Debbi is the first female director since the inception of ABC in 1949 and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Revenue.

Debbi's priorities for the ABC Division are to regulate the industry consistently, provide excellent customer service and increase compliance with liquor laws through education and training.

Prior to joining the Kansas ABC, Debbi lived in Missouri and worked in the private sector as a Medicare compliance analyst and also a social services director. Debbi studied at Missouri Western State College and has an associate's degree in travel.

CORY BOMGAARS started his career at Les Bourgeois Vineyards in 1991 as a salesperson in the Tasting Room and A-Frame and occasionally assisted in the vineyards and winery. A student of biology and chemistry at the University of Missouri, Cory soon migrated to the wine lab, where he helped the Bourgeois family with wine analysis. By 1993, Les Bourgeois was experiencing considerable growth, which called for a full time winemaker. Bomgaars quickly volunteered and was sent to the University of California, Davis to hone his skills in viticulture and fermentation. During his time at UCD Cory worked at various wineries in Napa Valley and Sonoma, California. He also participated in research to analyze the influences of oak barrels from different cooperages and regions of the world. Cory became part-owner of Les Bourgeois Vineyards in 1997.

Cory directly oversees the wine production and operations of 60 acres of Les Bourgeois vineyards and has developed successful partnerships with LBV's contract growers and assists them with his knowledge of vineyard management best practices.

Through three decades of wine making at Les Bourgeois Vineyards, Cory has been instrumental in the company's tremendous growth and success LBV is actively involved in custom crush, contract bottling and co-packing for other wineries, retailers and wholesalers. Vineyards and coordinates the compliance issues between selling and manufacturing for all tiers of the Missouri three tiered system.

Cory does consulting with startup and existing wineries and vineyards for winery and vineyard development and assists clients with licensing, equipment purchases, product development and vineyard and winery design.

Cory is currently serving as President of the Missouri Vintners Association, which give him position on Missouri Wine and Grape Board, focusing most of his efforts through both the Research and Advisory Subcommittee and the Legislative Subcommittee. Cory served on the Ozark Mountain Vineyard Sustainability Assessment Workbook Technical Advisory Committee, and he has been a college level instructor, teaching Winery Sanitation through the Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology Alliance (VESTA). Additionally, Cory serves on the Midwest Grape and Wine Conference Advisory Committee.



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CARRIE L. BONNINGTON, leader of Pillsbury's Wine, Beer & Spirits Law practice and co-leader of the Restaurant, Food & Beverage Industry Team, is recognized in Chambers USA for her mastery of alcohol beverage laws and regulations. Highly regarded for her extensive alcohol beverage industry knowledge, Carrie represents wineries, breweries, distilleries, importers, distributors and retailers (on- and off-sale) in regulatory, transactional and litigation matters. She advises on advertising, promotional, marketing, and other trade practice and tied house issues. Carrie represents licensees in state alcohol beverage regulatory administrative proceedings and trials, and structures multifaceted deals relating to sponsorships, winemaking, distribution, acquisitions, and other similar matters.

DIMITRIOS G. CHRISTOPOULOS is the principal of the Christopoulos Law Group, LLC. Established in 2005, CLG is a Chicago based law firm which exclusively serves the Beverage Alcohol and Hospitality Industry. Dimitri and CLG primarily represent beer, wine and spirits distributors, as well as national and local restaurants, hotels, grocery stores and event venues. CLG is also counsel to the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois. Dimitri is experienced in representing the Industry in investigatory and enforcement matters before the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission as well as local commissions. He has extensive Industry litigation experience, including in federal and state courts as well as the appellate courts.

Dimitri is a member of the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association, the National Association of Licensing Compliance Professionals, the Academy of Hospitality Industry Attorneys, the Illinois Restaurant Association, the Hellenic Bar Association and the Hellenic American Leadership Council.

An attorney since 1992, Dimitri earned his Bachelor's degree from Loyola University of Chicago and his law degree, cum laude, from the John Marshall Law School.

CHRIS COLEMAN is the Vice President of the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois (ABDI). In this role he serves as the lead lobbyist for the association, working with industry partners and legislators to promote and implement alcohol policy that is supportive and consistent with the three-tier regulatory system.

Chris has been working in politics since he was old enough to throw candy out of the back of a parade convertible, alongside his grandfather who was the longest serving state senator in Iowa history. He then moved one state over to Illinois to attend Loyola University of Chicago and started work on the "Smoke-free Chicago" campaign during his employment with the American Cancer Society. After successful implementation of that policy, he was hired by State Representative Sara Feigenholtz to manage district office operations while he completed his undergraduate studies. During this time, he also served as Vice-Chairman of the Illinois League of Conservation Voters, a Board member and Treasurer of the Young Chicago Lakefront Political Action Committee and a Precinct Captain for the 47th Ward. Chris was heavily involved with Obama for America and the Illinois Senate Democratic Victory Fund, coordinating volunteer events, election canvassing, phone-banking, and petition collection.

He then relocated to Springfield, Illinois to work out of the Capitol as Deputy Chief of Staff for Senate President John Cullerton. After over a decade of work on stateside legislative matters and fresh off a Chicago Cubs World Series victory, he decided he had seen it all and moved over to the advocacy side of policy. He has served in this role since November of 2016.



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R.E "Tuck" DUNCAN, born October 4, 1951, Washington, D.C., Attorney at Law; University of Kansas, B.S. Journalism '73; Washburn University J.D. '76. Secretary and Chief Counsel, Kansas Board of Tax Appeals '76-'78; Assistant Attorney General, Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control, '79-'81; Assistant City Attorney, City of Topeka, KS, '81-'83, private practice 1983 to present. Admitted to practice in Kansas, federal district court, circuit courts of appeal, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Duncan serves as Judge pro tem for domestic violence matters, Third Judicial District, Kansas.; member, Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations; life member Washburn Law School Association; life member, University of Kansas alumni association; life member Topeka/Shawnee County Friends of the Library; past President Shawnee County Kansas Historical Society; 2002-2003 Chairman Topeka Postal Service Customer Advisory Council; Chairman, Topeka Housing Authority 1999-2004. Former Chair of the Kansas Expocentre Management Board and former President, Topeka, Friends of the Zoo. He has made numerous presentations regarding the 21st Amendment to the U.S./ Constitution and beverage alcohol laws to the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators and the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association and other associations, including the National Conference of State Legislatures. Mr. Duncan has spoken at various continuing legal education seminars, including his ethics presentation on "View from the Pro Tem Bench." He is also a former member of the Topeka Unified Schools Board of Education.

SUSAN EVANS, before retiring from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) in January 2022, Susan served as the director of the Office of Industry and State Outreach. In this role, Susan led TTB's efforts to enhance relationships with industry members and TTB's state government counterparts. Susan focused her team on the three areas she has been passionate about throughout her career: communication, education, and client service.

Susan began her federal career in 1988 with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), first as a field inspector in New York City and then field supervisor in Houston, Texas. Later she became the director of the Alcohol Labeling and Formulation Division at ATF's headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she oversaw the development of ATF's first online filing system, COLAs Online.

Upon the creation of TTB in 2003, Susan was instrumental in standing up the new bureau as the Assistant Administrator, Headquarters Operations. She later became TTB's first Executive Liaison for Industry and State Matters, serving as a full-time advocate and educator of industry members and state regulators. In that role, Susan initiated the TTB Expos, multi-day training events for all TTB industry members. She also significantly expanded the scope and readership of the TTB Newsletter, TTB's primary external communication tool.

Susan has been an independent consultant with GrayRobinson since 2022, where she assists clients with TTB-related matters.

AMANDA FILIPEK serves as the Supervisor of the Wholesale and Oil Tax Division at the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner. In her role, she oversees the administration of alcohol, tobacco, motor vehicle fuel, and oil and gas taxes in the state. Amanda joined the department in 2010, where she has held a variety of positions in Registration, Taxpayer Services and the Corporate Income Tax and Motor Vehicle Fuel sections. Originally from Australia, Amanda pursued her passion for business and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Tasmania. Upon moving to the United States, she eventually continued her interest in the industry, working her way up to accept a position at GE Finance in Rapid City, S.D., as an Accounting Supervisor.

Amanda lives outside of Bismarck, N.D. on a ranch with her husband. Together they have raised four daughters and a thriving herd of approximately 100 cows.



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EMILY GANT is a shareholder in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism practice, where she works as an alcohol beverage and cannabis attorney.

Emily serves as the Chair of the Commercial, IP & Tech Transactions practice at Foster Garvey PC in Seattle. She counsels wineries, breweries, distilleries, restaurants, hotels and other retailers on liquor licensing, trade practice compliance, distribution issues, contracts, dispute resolution and other liquor-related matters.

She is also the Chair of the Cannabis practice, where she advises licensed producers, processors, retailers and ancillary service providers. Like alcohol, cannabis is a highly regulated industry. Emily helps clients structure their business entities, contracts and strategic partnerships to ensure compliance with Washington's complex regulatory scheme. Emily was recently named to the National Law Journal's 2022 Cannabis Law Trailblazers List.

An Oregon native, Emily graduated with honors in History from Whitman College in 1999 and received her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law in 2004."

LISA GARDNER currently serves as the Executive Director of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC). She joined the ILCC following a 10 year plus legal career as an attorney and brings a wealth of legal expertise and experience to the role. Prior to joining the ILCC team, Lisa was the Managing Attorney of Lakeside Law Group followed by McLeod Law Group. She also is a former Hearing Officer and Administrative Law Judge for the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection where she conducted hearings relating to the regulation of retail liquor in Chicago, as well as other licensed retail establishments. She also previously served as a Supervising Attorney at the University of Illinois Chicago Law School Domestic Violence Clinical Advocacy Program and currently is a Paralegal Studies Adjunct Professor at Generations College.

Director Gardner received her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago where she focused her legal studies on child and family law as well as trial advocacy, earning certificates in both. She attributes her communication skills to her undergraduate studies at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a concentration in Media Marketing.

JAKE HEGEMAN is Senior Vice President, Legal and Regulatory and General Counsel for Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA). In this role, Jake leads association efforts on state and federal legal and regulatory issues impacting the wholesale tier of the beverage alcohol industry. Jake joined WSWA in 2013 from Stateside Associates, a Virginia based state government affairs firm where he served as Vice President. Jake is a graduate of Cornell University and Tulane Law School. In his free time Jake is most often seen on a bike or pair of skis.

BAHNEH HOBEL, based in Napa is a Partner at Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty and heads the firm's Alcohol Beverage Law & Compliance group. Bahaneh's practice focuses on all aspects of alcohol beverage law and regulation, with a focus on wineries and other alcohol beverage producers and suppliers. Bahaneh has extensive knowledge of the laws related to the sale, distribution and marketing of alcoholic beverages and advises clients on a wide range of topics, including licensing, tied house rules, trade practices (advertising, sponsorships and special events) and celebrity brands. Bahaneh works closely with her clients to help inform and structure their business practices and potential transactions in light of the complex and ever-changing alcohol beverage laws in the U.S. Bahaneh received her J.D. in 2001 from Berkeley Law and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard C. Tallman on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before commencing her law



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practice. Bahaneh lives in Sonoma with her husband Cameron (a wine importer) and her two children. Bahaneh is also co-owner of Hobel Wines, a small family winery located in the Napa Valley, which recently received 98 points for one of its Cabernet Sauvignons. Hobel has been crafting small production, single vineyard Napa Valley Cabernets since its inaugural vintage in 2009.

MARTHA JENKINS has served as the General Counsel of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration for 15 years. Prior to her employment at ABRA, Ms. Jenkins worked as a telecommunications attorney for Sprint Long Distance and SCC Communications. A native of Kansas, Ms. Jenkins enjoys cheering on her Jayhawks in all college sports!

ANNE M. JUNIA is a co-founding partner of Powell Junia P.C. in Chicago, Illinois and specializes in litigation, legislative matters and regulatory compliance within the alcohol beverage and hospitality industry. Anne works closely with retailers, e-commerce and technology-based companies with particular focus on emerging industry practices, to advise on options for compliance strategy and success. In recent years, Anne has had the opportunity to educate and engage legislators and regulators on recommended legal standards and three-tier compliant best practices to address recent marketplace shifts and to advocate for sound policy solutions that foster responsible growth within the industry. Anne earned her B.A. in Economics from University of California at San Diego in June 2000, and her J.D. from John Marshall Law School in June 2007.

KEN KAST Ken is Product & Regulatory Counsel at DoorDash, focusing his support of the business on all things beverage alcohol regulatory. In conjunction with a team of legal and compliance professionals, Ken provides counsel to the business on all things beverage alcohol delivery, expansion, marketing, advertising, events, licensing and permitting, policies and procedures, training, and more. Prior to joining DoorDash, Ken was an Associate General Counsel at Proximo Spirits, the supplier of over 24 different distilled spirit brands, like Jose Cuervo, 1800 Tequila, and Proper No. Twelve.

DoorDash is a technology company that empowers local economies and connects people with the best in their communities, currently operating in 27 countries across the globe. As far as beverage alcohol in the United States, this means facilitating the third party delivery of the product in 26 states, as well as Washington, D.C.

DYLAN C. KELLER is in his sixth year as a legislative analyst with the Iowa Senate Republican Caucus. He currently staffs the Appropriation Committee overseeing the state's 8.5-billion-dollar budget and Health & Human Services committee. Previous assignments include State Government, Labor & Business Relations, Rules & Administration, and the Administration & Regulation Budget subcommittee. He served as the finance director for the Republican Senate Majority Fund during the 2018 election. He previously held the position of executive secretary to the Senate Majority Leader. In 2016, he was part of the field team that helped elect the first Iowa Republican senate majority in nearly two decades.

Dylan received a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) in 2016, where he successfully defended his thesis, "Unions in Waterloo, Iowa: How Organization, Political Activism, and Community Service Led to the Rise and Fall of Organized Labor, 1947-1990." In 2014, he received Bachelor of Arts degrees in history and political communication, a politics & law minor, and a public history certificate from UNI.

Dylan resides in West Des Moines, but is from Donnellson, Iowa. He has an older half-brother in Southeast Iowa, older sister in Utah, and a younger sister in Missouri. He is an uncle to three nieces and two nephews, and is



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also a great-uncle. Dylan stays active with volunteering and serves on advisory boards and committees at UNI, within his church, and with local non-profits.

GERALYN LASHER is Director of the Great Lakes States for the Wine Institute, a California based association representing over 1,000 California wineries to initiate and advocate public policy. She works with legislative and regulatory bodies in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Previously she was appointed by Governor Whitmer to serve as a Michigan Liquor Control Commissioner overseeing alcohol policy and control efforts for the state with a focus on health and safety.

Previously Lasher served as Senior Deputy Director for External Relations and Communications in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and was Interim Executive Director of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund where she oversaw the initial grant cycle awarding more than \$38 million in funds. Lasher served as Director of Communications for Governor Rick Snyder, managing all communication activities for the policy issues that were introduced and implemented throughout the first two years of the administration.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising from Michigan State University.

BENTLEY NETTLES currently works as an independent consultant for Gray Robinson PA in the Alcohol Regulatory practice, He was appointed TABC Executive Director in 2017 following successful careers as an attorney and as a Brigadier General for the Texas Army National Guard. Following his appointment as Executive Director, Nettles guided TABC through the state Sunset process and has identified new ways to increase agency effectiveness while improving customer service and efficiency. Working with TABC employees and stakeholders from the alcoholic beverage industry, Nettles spearheaded new initiatives to fight human trafficking and improve industry outreach. Following the agency's recent successes, the 86th Texas Legislature provided a historic investment in TABC. Specifically, the agency developed and implemented the Alcohol Information Management System.

Nettles graduated from Texas A&M University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in business management and earned his law degree from the South Texas College of Law in 1987. He also earned a Master of Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Postgraduate School and served a military fellowship at Tufts University's Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy.

While attending Texas A&M, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and was made platoon leader and later company commander for multiple National Guard units. Nettles has deployed to multiple combat theaters around the world, including Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. He has received numerous military decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. Prior to his retirement from the military, Nettles served as General Counsel for the Army Element Joint Force Headquarters in Austin. Following his separation from the Army in 2015, Nettles operated a successful law firm in Bryan assisting small businesses and veterans. He is a founding member and **past** chairman of Brazos Valley Cares, a non-profit group dedicated to serving military veterans and their families, as well as many other boards and organizations in the Brazos Valley.

SEAN O'LEARY is the President of O'Leary Law and Policy Group, LLC. Mr. O'Leary, the Irish Liquor Lawyer, has successfully through the legislature and the judiciary brought about change that modernized and opened up the liquor regulatory system. Mr. O'Leary started a grassroots effort to make cocktails-to-go legal in Illinois, and he drafted the legislation that became law. He represents clients with innovative business models, and successfully defended their business models from legal challenges in state courts and administrative bodies.



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He authored numerous Amicus Curiae briefs at the U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Appellate Court and State Supreme Court levels supporting expansion of markets and innovation in the liquor regulatory space. Previously, Mr. O'Leary was the Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission where he drafted regulations on tied house issues, worked on legislation, and ran the legal functions for the agency.

His opinions and analysis are well respected and sought after by those in the liquor industry. Mr. O'Leary authors the influential blog, Irish Liquor Lawyer, and has been cited over 65 times in media publications including influential publications such as Forbes, Decanter, and Wine Spectator, and he has made several TV appearances discussing liquor issues.

NICOLA REID is the Senior Regulations and Compliance Manager of Licensing and Regulation for the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB). She joined the WSLCB in January 2007 where she has served in several positions within liquor and cannabis licensing, leading up to her current role. Nicola played an instrumental role in the design, development, and implementation of the licensing process for recreational, medical cannabis, and the social equity program for the WSLCB. Nicola is well respected and seen as an expert in the licensing process. Nicola is well versed in agency laws and rules applicable to liquor and cannabis licensing and currently acts as the Licensing Agency Representative for all adjudicative hearings.

KELLY ROBERSON is the Executive Director of the Center for Alcohol Policy. Kelly brings to the Center her years of experience in policy and marketing from the public and private sectors.

Prior to her work with the Center, Kelly served as policy advisor and communications director in the U.S. House of Representatives where she led a varied portfolio of issues on behalf of the Western Caucus. She cultivated a strong understanding of regulated industries and worked with several members of Congress and their staffs on issues including energy and the environment, land use and resources, agriculture, water and Native American affairs.

When not at the Center, Kelly can be found racing road and mountain bikes both domestically and abroad. A passion she developed while serving as the National Director of Digital Communications for the country's largest independent bicycle retailer where she spearheaded strategic partnerships, stood up the company's e-commerce operation, and revamped their digital presence.

Kelly is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University with a degree in Spanish Linguistics and International Business and Management.

TYLER RUDD is the Central States Counsel for Wine Institute, covering state legislatures and alcoholic beverage regulating agencies for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Utah. He began with Wine Institute in June 2016. Prior to joining Wine Institute, Tyler was a Texas contract lobbyist for various clients including Wine Institute, Tesla Motors, Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Railway Supply Institute, West Texas Gas company, and several others.

Tyler graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 with a degree in English and a minor in Philosophy. After graduating, he worked in the Texas State Capitol for the then Secretary of State, Antonio Garza, who eventually became Ambassador to Mexico under President George W. Bush. Tyler also worked for State Rep. Bill Seibert in the Texas House. In 2000, he graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and began a



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career in lobbying. In 2003, Tyler received a scholarship to attain his Masters in Law in International Finance at the University College London, where he graduated with an L.L.M. in 2004.

After graduating in 2004, Tyler spent five years in Houston and then London, England, practicing law for firms including Berwin Leighton Paisner (now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner) and Paul Hastings. Tyler's specialty was asset and project finance, particularly in the countries of England, Croatia, and Bosnia. In 2009, Tyler returned to Austin to restart his contract lobbying career, leading to joining Wine Institute in-house seven years ago.

HOBERT RUPE was appointed Executive Director by the Commission in December 2003 and began his duties on January 15, 2004.

Prior to serving as Executive Director he was an Assistant Attorney General for the State from May 1994 until January 2004. As an Assistant Attorney General he served as legal counsel/administrative prosecutor from September 2001 until January 2004.

He is admitted to practice before the Nebraska Supreme Court, The Federal District Court for Nebraska, The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and The United States Supreme Court.

Hobert is past President of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) where he presided during 2009-10.

He is a 1992 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law and a 1989 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in History and Government.

REBECCY (BECKY) SMITH is the Director of Licensing and Regulation for the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB). She has served as the division director since 2015. Becky joined the LCB in April 2013 as the Marijuana Licensing and Regulations Manager. As the agency lead for Social Equity in cannabis program, she continues to provide agency leadership for cannabis-related projects. Becky is a current regional vice-president of National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA).

She has experience leading change and implementing new initiatives. Her career has been spent working with communities and partners at the local, state, and federal level. Becky received the 2017 Governor's award for Leadership in Management for her work to increase cross-agency teamwork, building consensus and involving her staff in decision-making to build their skills and competencies.

Becky is experienced in creating consistency for staff, licensees, and applicants, leading significant reform efforts, and organizational change management. She leads her team to focus on safe communities and customer service, using data-driven decision making; strategic planning; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principals to make meaningful process improvements.

Captain **ERIK SMOOT** joined the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission in January of 2009. Prior to joining the Oklahoma ABLE Commission he was a Sergeant with the Bixby Police Department. Captain Smoot currently heads the Education and Training Division, which also oversees the compliance efforts that relate to reducing underage drinking, the over service of alcoholic beverages and the FDA enforcement of tobacco laws program. Captain Smoot serves as the Chair for the Oklahoma Buckledown Awards, he is the agency liaison for Emergency Management, he is a member of the Oklahoma ENDUI Advisory Committee and is the NCSLA Southern Region Chair.



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Director **MICHELLE STONE-PRINCIPATO** began her career with the Colorado Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Division in October 2015. Michelle started her career with the Department of Revenue as the Agent in Charge of the Licensing Section, then as the Agent in Charge of the Enforcement Division, supervising four field offices throughout the state. Michelle was promoted to LED's Deputy Director, then Director in April 2020. Michelle was instrumental in quickly deploying an online payment system and devising new and innovative solutions to keep businesses open during the pandemic. The Division implemented an online state application process and coordinated a file-sharing program with 350 local licensing authorities to improve the customer service experience. Michelle was instrumental in the enacting of Communal Outdoor Dining Area (CODA) spaces into law in the 2021 legislative session. The Division implemented the Nicotine/Tobacco Retailer licensing program in 2021, which educates and regulates approximately 4,500 retailers in the State of Colorado while coordinating with local licensing authority partners. Michelle is a Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving member and the Western Regional Chair of the National Association of State Liquor Administrators. Previously Michelle was given the honor and privilege to serve the citizens of the City of Lakewood as a Law Enforcement Professional for 17 years. Michelle has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Metropolitan State College of Denver and a Paralegal Certificate from Arapahoe Community College. Michelle has continued her professional development efforts with the Harvard Kennedy School on policy implementation and the National Association of State Chief Administrators' Transformational Leadership Program.

CHRISTIN TEMPLETON is currently the Chief of Enforcement for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. She has nearly 18 years of law enforcement and investigative experience with the State of Missouri. Templeton joined ATC in 2016, and has served in numerous roles during her tenure, including serving as Acting State Supervisor in 2023.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 2005. Templeton also attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Central States Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in 2022.

WENDY TURK is the Director of Regulatory Affairs for Fintech. In her role she maintains relationships with alcohol regulators across the country, keeps current on legislative changes, maintains involvement in state wholesaler organizations, and provides regulatory insight for Fintech and its customers. Wendy has also spent eight years working for a large wine & spirits distributor. She is based in Denver, CO and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Economics.

LYNN WALDING As Diageo's Executive Director for Control States (2010-present), Lynn supports Diageo's commercial and government relations teams. He also represents Diageo on the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association's (NABCA), serving as the Chair of the NABCA Industry Advisory Committee (2020-present).

Lynn is the former Administrator of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (Iowa ABD)(2000-2010), Past Chairman of the NABCA (2004-2005), Past President of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA)(2005-2006) and he served as an Iowa Assistant Attorney General for 19 years representing the Iowa ABD (1981-2000). In 2017, Lynn was inducted into the NCSLA Hall of Fame.

Lynn received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science (1977), a Masters in Public Administration (1981) and his Juris Doctorate (1981) from the University of Iowa. He is also the recipient of several civic awards, including the Champion Award from the Iowa Substance Abuse Program Director's Association (2005), the Dwight Ink



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Public Service Award (2000), the Junior Chamber's Outstanding Young Iowans Award (1995) and was selected for a Rotary Group Study Exchange to India (1990).

Finally, Mr. Walding has moderated panel presentations at past NCSLA Annual Conferences, including: Disruption and the Beverage Alcohol Industry (Waikoloa, HI 2018); Alcohol, Athletes & Addiction (Denver, CO 2017); College Town USA (Chicago, IL 2016); 'Tails! (San Antonio, TX 2014); Shine! (Honolulu, HI 2013); Who Cares about the CARE Act? (New Orleans, LA 2010); The M&A Game – Mergers and Acquisitions (Chicago, IL 2008); Booze, Blue Hair & Bingo: Seniors Gone Wild? (Seattle, WA 2007); The Federalization of Alcohol (Boston, MA 2006); Crossroads, Crossfire or Crosshairs: Getting Cross with State ABCs? (Denver, CO 2005); The Bare Facts about Regulating Strip Joints (New Orleans, LA 2004); GATS, Global Markets & the WTO: Is there room in the 21st Century for the 21st Amendment? (Baltimore, MD 2003); Regulating the 'Wretched Refuse:' Immigration Patterns and Practices Affecting the Beverage Alcohol Industry (Albuquerque, NM 2002); The ABC's of Regulating Tobacco: Joe Camel Meets Joe Six-Pack (Kapalua, HI 2001); Pimps, Prostitutes & Pushers: Local Efforts to Clean-Up Nuisance Bars (Atlantic City, NJ 1999) and 'Kill All the Lawyers:' Managing Change in the New Millennium (New Orleans, LA 1998).

Sergeant **RISA WILLIAMS** has been with the Arizona Department of Liquor for twelve years, she has been a police officer for sixteen years. During her time with the Arizona Department of Liquor, she has filled many different roles, including being a field investigator in the Tucson office and Phoenix offices. Sergeant Williams has worked as a field training officer for new Detectives hired the Department of Liquor. She had been a CUB(Covert Underage Buyer) coordinator, a trade practice detective working with wholesalers and suppliers, trained many local governing bodies, and worked with many community coalitions. Sergeant Williams is a subject matter expert on Trade Practice Matters. Sergeant Williams currently supervises special agents in the Phoenix Metro Area and Northern Arizona. She holds a Bachelor's from Northern Arizona University and a Masters from Grand Canyon University.

JOAN WILSON is the Director of the State of Alaska, Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO), appointed by Governor Dunleavy in May 2022. In this position, she serves as executive officer to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Marijuana Control Board. She oversees a staff of peace officers and licensing examiners assigned to overseeing the regulation of the State's alcoholic beverage and marijuana licensees.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Wilson served as a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the State of Alaska, Department of Law. Her clients included AMCO, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Marijuana Control Board, the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Administration, and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. She has practiced as a trial attorney for 27 years in both civil and criminal law and public and private practice. Prior to that practice, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Russel Holland of the United States District Court, District of Alaska.

In 2021, she was awarded the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's Award for Excellence in Promoting Quality, Safety, and Value for her part in the trial team that successfully prosecuted an Anchorage dentist for committing millions of dollars of Medicaid fraud and reckless endangering the lives of to his patients in the process. Ms. Wilson has also served as the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, where she was also responsible for guarding against fraud and abuse of state and federal health care programs.

Ms. Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University, her Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, and her Master of Fine Arts from the University of



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Alaska. There, she was recipient of the Jason Wenger Award in Literary Excellence. She is also recipient of a Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artists Award.

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