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## **NCSLA 2013 Annual Conference Presents “If It Ain’t Broke Don’t Fix It!”**

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 24-28<sup>th</sup> 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.

It is said that the best is often saved until the end—and this annual conference is no exception! Round-out a busy week with a panel that brings it all together Friday morning, June 28th. Don’t miss the opportunity to join the conversation as we explore what constitutes good alcohol policy and why legislatures across the country routinely tinker with regulatory systems in “*If It Ain’t Broke Don’t Fix It*”.

When Fosdick and Scott conducted their study and published “*Toward Liquor Control*” in 1933 they identified four fundamental defects with a licensing approach to alcohol regulation: (1) preservation of the private profit motive; (2) the whole question of good and proper regulation is projected into politics; (3) the promotion of temperance education while at the same time tolerating a system of sale pulling in the opposite direction is incompatible; and (4) the establishment of a licensed liquor trade means the deep entrenchment of far-flung proprietary interests, such as large capital investments, that would sought to be protected at all costs.

Are we now witnessing these inherent flaws dominating and directing public policy to the detriment of good regulation? California ABC General Counsel Matthew Botting is joined by Carrie Bonnington, Counsel of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Sacramento, and Professor Stephen Diamond, University of Miami, School of Law to critically look at regulating alcohol in modern times. One thing that is clear is that there is no single approach to alcohol regulation. And it is ever changing. Is this just politics as usual or are there really problems that need solutions? What exactly isn’t broken? Do we even have a 3-tier system anymore? How far can or should regulators go in “interpreting” the law to address modern business needs?

Come prepared with your own thoughts and opinions. Be part of the discussion.

Make 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](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details. 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](http://www.ncsla.org) for more information.