



## ***NCSLA Reconnect: Rethink and Redesign the Future*** **2021 Annual Conference – Reno, Nevada**

### **PANEL UPDATE – Week 8**

Welcome to this week's update on the 2021 Annual Conference! Each week a session from the business program will be featured. The annual conference theme, "*NCSLA Reconnect: Rethink and Redesign the Future*," accentuates the organization's and industry's resolutely positive outlook and the continuing need for resiliency in the future. While COVID-19 will continue to play a central role in this and future conferences, the business agenda gives equal time to many other issues of similar importance.

#### **2021 LEGAL UPDATE: *What a Difference a Year Makes!***

Once again, NCSLA is pleased to present nationally-recognized alcohol attorney and NCSLA Hall of Fame inductee **Richard Blau of GrayRobinson**, to help make sense of the past year's court cases. And what a year it's been!

Courts have been active since the NCSLA's virtual conference of 2020, with important decisions impacting America's alcohol regulators and industry members from the U.S. Supreme Court, numerous state supreme courts, and plenty of appellate courts from across the country. Legislatures have been busy as well.

Think you already know all there is to know? Here's a small sampling of the cases Blau will cover -- see if you can figure who won:

- ***Walmart Stores, Inc. v. Texas ABC*** (SCOTUS asked to review the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals' decision regarding the Texas law prohibiting a public corporation from holding a package store permit; Walmart claimed an undue burden on interstate commerce when Texas public corporations were allowed to hold their package store permits under grandfather exceptions).
- ***NA Main Street LLC v. Cook*** (Bar and restaurant owner, a limited liability company with members who were not residents of Indiana, brought action against Indiana state officials, alleging that Indiana statutes governing alcoholic beverage retailer's permits discriminated against interstate commerce, in violation of the dormant Commerce Clause).
- ***Sarasota Wine Market, LLC v. Schmitt*** (plaintiffs brought § 1983 action against Missouri Governor, and other state officials, challenging constitutionality of amendment to Missouri Liquor Control Law, which permitted licensed in-state liquor retailers to ship wine or other alcohol directly to Missouri consumers, but prohibited out-of-state retailers from doing so).

- ***Chicago Wine Company v. Holcomb*** (Out-of-state wine retailers and their potential in-state customers brought action challenging the constitutionality of three Indiana statutes, alleging that statutes prohibited out-of-state wine retailers from selling and delivering wine directly to Indiana consumers but allow in-state wine retailers to do so).
- ***Block v. Canepa*** (Plaintiffs challenged the constitutionality of Ohio's prohibition against out-of-state wine shipments to Ohio's residents and of Ohio's limitation on the amount of wine Ohio residents can transport into the state from a foreign jurisdiction).
- ***Moore v. Goodman*** (Michael Troy Moore sued elected officials of the City of Las Vegas and Clark County, Nevada, claiming various constitutional violations, including that the defendants deprived him of his right under the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to use liquor while on Fremont Street).

**To find out who won, and why, don't miss this Saturday session!**

For those who need to fulfill Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements, NCSLA is pleased to announce approval from California and Pennsylvania. NCSLA is working to obtain pre-approval from some other state authorities and will provide a Uniform Certificate of Attendance at the conference for submission to your local jurisdiction. We'll keep you apprised of other state approvals as they are received.

There's still time to make your plans to come to Reno, Nevada from August 26-29<sup>th</sup> for this year's annual meeting of the NCSLA! Visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details and [register by July 22 to get the lowest rate](#).

*Not a current member of NCSLA?* Just complete the [online application form](#) on the NCSLA website and enjoy these beneficial and educational business sessions in addition to the valuable networking opportunities. Don't miss this homecoming event of the year - I hope to see you there!

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