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NCSLA 2013 Conference Presents “Is It Still A Sin If Everybody Does It?”

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.

What better way to start our conference than talking about sin? In our regulatory world one of the worst sins is paying off retailers. Like the preacher, we’re against this kind of sin root and branch and say so loudly in conferences and legislative hearings. But we’ve all read the headlines from New York, Illinois, Nevada and now Arizona: claims of widespread and long term payment of slotting fees and kickbacks to select retailers by major industry players. Ink is spilled and our networks buzz with gossip and speculation but eventually everyone pays up and we move on.

What should we make of this emerging pattern among us? Are we enforcing the wrong laws, or the right laws in a bad way? Should agencies change their priorities or their competencies? And where is industry support for such laws, the idea of voluntary compliance or even respect for the rule of law? Is there any way for us to avoid the next big payoff scandal or are we condemned to a cycle of this drama? Be sure to be in your seat to help our panel of four experienced practitioners and one experienced gadfly kick off our conference with a provocative, dynamic and entertaining exploration of these and related issues.

Panelists: Craig Wolf, Rick Haymaker, Michael Binstein, Marc Sorini

Moderator: Lou Bright

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 in early March to register. 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.