PANEL UPDATES

Welcome to the third round of PANEL UPDATES on the 2017 Annual Conference! Each week a session from the business program will be featured. The annual conference theme is “Regulating Alcohol in Today’s Dynamic Marketplace,” and the agenda will cover a number of diverse issues that demonstrate the dynamic marketplace of alcohol today.

What happens when you take two teams with great legal minds and have them square off on the afternoon of Day 1 at the Westin Denver Downtown Hotel? You won’t want to miss this all-star bout of the “Ethics Quiz Showdown – Fact v. Fiction,” moderated by Bill Tomaszewski and commentator Nick Bergman. Teammates Christy Trout (Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control) and Keven Danow (Compliance Counsel, Breakthru Beverage Group) will go head-to-head against Mary Kay Root (Director, New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division) and Caroline O’Connell (Partner, Lawson & Weitzen, LLP) in an ethical showdown of the century.

Watch these two teams debate against each other over modern-day, ethical questions, where Fact versus Fiction will be parsed out and prodded in the name of our professional responsibility. Topics to be covered include: Conflicts of Interest (1.7, 1.8, 1.11); Confidentiality (1.6); Discharging a Client (1.16); Competency (1.1); Misconduct (8.4); and Pro Bono (6.1). We are also fortunate to have Stephen L. Pepper, Professor of Law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, to help us navigate the Model Rules and impart further insight to the NCSLA membership.

Don’t be the only one who misses out on the action, and score some CLE credits while you’re at it. Come see the next installment of the Game Show Ethics Panel. It’s ethics like you’ve never seen it before.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Denver, Colorado from June 11-14, 2017 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! Registration is now open so visit www.ncsla.org today for details. Not a current member of NCSLA? Joining is easy – just complete the online application form on the NCSLA website. You won’t want to miss a minute of these beneficial business sessions in addition to the valuable networking opportunities with colleagues and friends!

For those who need to fulfill Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements, NCSLA will obtain pre-approval from some state authorities along with providing a Uniform Certificate of Attendance for submission to your local jurisdiction. Keep up-to-date on state pre-approvals and conference logistics with the new NCSLA Conference App. To learn more about it and get instructions for downloading the App, visit the 2017 Annual Conference page on the NCSLA website.

NCSLA consistently offers the highest quality educational and informational programs at its Annual Conference. This year is no exception. Please join me in Denver this June for the conference highlight of the year. I hope to see you there!

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