



# *Regulation Matters*

## 2019 Annual Conference – Louisville, Kentucky

Welcome to your very first weekly update on the 2019 Annual Conference! Starting today, you will receive a weekly email featuring a session from the business program. The annual conference theme is “*Regulation Matters*,” and the agenda will cover a number of diverse and timely topics confronting the beverage alcohol industry and marketplace.

### THE IMPACT OF TWSRA V. BLAIR

On January 16, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Association case, which questions the constitutionality of Tennessee’s residency requirements for alcohol retail licensees. The decision in this case could be even more significant than the 2005 *Granholm v. Heald* decision, especially if the Court concludes once and for all that the dormant commerce clause principle trumps states’ rights to govern and regulate the distribution and sale of alcohol.



The Court is expected to render a decision by the time of the Annual Conference, and our esteemed panel is looking forward to providing commentary on the interplay between the Commerce Clause and the Twenty-first Amendment, the decision itself, and the likely impact on cases currently being litigated in various federal courts of appeals throughout the nation.



Join constitutional law professor and scholar from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, **Brannon Denning**, on Wednesday morning, June 19<sup>th</sup>, as he moderates the conversation among **John Neiman**, Chair of the Appellate Practice at Maynard Cooper in Alabama and former Supreme Court clerk to Justice Kennedy, **Paul Pisano**, General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Industry Affairs for the National Beer Wholesalers Association, and **Deborah Skakel**, Co-Chair of the Corporate Litigation Practice at Blank Rome in New York. You won’t want to miss the closing remarks on this impactful case as the conference concludes.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Louisville, Kentucky from June 16-19<sup>th</sup> for this year's annual meeting of the NCSLA! **Registration is now open** so visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details. *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 opportunities to meet with colleagues from across the nation!

This will be an enriching event that you don't want to miss. Please join me in "Derby City" this June for an informative and educational business program. I hope to see you there!

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