Welcome to this week’s update on the 2019 Annual Conference! Each week a session from the business program will be featured. 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.

Attorneys in the beverage alcohol industry often represent and advocate for clients in more than one way. How do they avoid a conflict of interest when they counsel more than one client operating similar businesses? Attorneys at alcoholic beverage control agencies routinely interact with multiple branches of state government and industry members, many of whom are former colleagues or now friends. How do they avoid violating their professional codes of conduct or their state’s laws on ethical conduct?

Come and observe this engaging challenge on Tuesday morning while earning CLE ethics credit. Watch two teams of esteemed attorneys "draw" from their knowledge of legal ethics rules and compete in a friendly game of “No More Knots!” NIDHI KUMAR of Drizly will mediate this action-filled contest of respected and all-star team players: CAITLIN ANDERSON of Connecticut, RODRIGO DIAZ of Pennsylvania, STEVE HUMPHRESS of Kentucky, ERNEST LEGIER of Louisiana, RENEE METZ of North Carolina, and ALVA MATHER of DLP Piper in Pennsylvania.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Louisville, Kentucky from June 16-19th for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! Visit www.ncsla.org today for details and register soon. 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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