It’s time for another weekly 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.

Perennially, one of the most anticipated presentations of the NCSLA annual conferences. That’s right, the LEGAL UPDATE starring RICHARD BLAU of GrayRobinson. The years 2018 and 2019 have been relatively quiet years as it pertains to alcohol law – NOT! This year Richard will walk us through several important and current cases that are likely to have significant and long-lasting impact on the regulation of the beverage alcohol industry.

Like what, you say? Well, how about Iancu v. Brunetti or Missouri Broadcasters Association v. Taylor and their impacts on the First Amendment. Or, maybe your interests lie with Connecticut Fine Wine & Spirits, LLC v. Seagull where post and hold requirements, minimum retail pricing, and prohibitions against quantity discounts are challenged as state mandated price fixing. Even more, perhaps you’d prefer to learn about Connecticut Fine Wine & Spirits, LLC v. Seagull in which the age-old question arises once again of whether the 21st Amendment provides that an in-state retailer should be eligible for certain privileges that an out-of-state retailer would not be eligible to receive.

And did I hear someone say CLE? That’s right! Application to several states, including the Kentucky bar, for CLE is being made for this presentation and other presentations. So sit back on Monday afternoon as the first conference day comes to a close and enjoy hearing from Richard, earn some CLE, and learn something.

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. By the way, the group block at the Seelbach Hilton is filling up fast so reserve a hotel room before the block is sold out! 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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