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## NCSLA ANNOUNCES 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Alcoholic Beverage Regulators from 13 States to Provide Leadership on 2023-24 Executive Committee

June 30, 2023 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The officers and regional chairpersons elected at the NCSLA annual business meeting on June 14, 2023, are:

**President** Travis Hill of Virginia 1st Vice President Ernest Legier of Louisiana 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rebecca Smith of Washington 3rd Vice President Debbi Beavers of Kansas **Immediate Past President** Stephanie Strauss of Iowa

**Northern Region** Rodrigo Diaz of Pennsylvania, Chair

Thomas Akras of Maryland, Vice Chair

Erik Smoot of Oklahoma, Chair **Southern Region** 

Russell Thomas of Tennessee, Vice Chair

**Central Region** Lisa Gardner of Illinois, Chair

Bruce Bailey of Nebraska, Vice Chair

Michelle Stone-Principato of Colorado, Chair Western Region

Phillip Sanchez of New Mexico, Vice Chair.

Additionally, two associate member representatives will serve as ex-officio members of the NCSLA Executive Committee on two-year terms, including:

FY 2023 and FY 2024 Tyler Rudd, Wine Institute; and

FY 2024 and FY 2025 Mary Beth Williams, Williams Compliance.



## 2023-2024 NCSLA President Travis Hill

Travis Hill serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia ABC Authority. He was reappointed to this position by Governor Glenn Youngkin in January 2022, following his initial appointment to the position in 2018 by Governor Ralph Northam.

As CEO, Hill serves as the head of the ABC Authority and works with an appointed five-member Authority Board and the authority's executive leadership team to set the course and strategic objectives for Virginia ABC. In this role, Hill is responsible for overseeing revenue generation by ABC's retail stores, modernizing business practices and authority infrastructure, and enhancing regulatory service provided by the Bureau of Law Enforcement.

Prior to his current role as CEO, Hill served as Virginia ABC's Chief Operating Officer beginning in October 2014. Before arriving at ABC, Hill previously served as Deputy Secretary

of Agriculture and Forestry for the Commonwealth of Virginia from July 2011 until his appointment as COO at Virginia ABC. Prior to entering public service, Hill worked eight years as an attorney in private practice representing a wide variety of clients before the Virginia General Assembly, the State Corporation Commission and other regulatory bodies, including Virginia ABC.

Hill received both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Hill has served on the NCSLA Executive Committee in various positions since July 2016.

## **About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:**

A national, 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, NCSLA is composed of state regulators as active members, and associate members consisting of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, law firms, associations, and other service-related organizations in the alcoholic beverages sector. Currently, regulatory agencies from 43 of 50 states and the District of Columbia are active NCSLA members. The primary focus of NCSLA is education on historical and current issues related to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Visit <a href="https://www.ncsla.org">www.ncsla.org</a> for more information.