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NCSLA ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 OFFICERS

Alcoholic Beverage Regulators from 13 States to Provide Leadership on 2024-25 Executive Committee

July 1, 2024 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The officers and regional chairpersons elected at the NCSLA annual business meeting on June 19, 2024, are:

President	Ernest Legier of Louisiana
1st Vice President	Rebecca Smith of Washington
2nd Vice President	Debbi Beavers of Kansas
3rd Vice President	Rodrigo Diaz of Pennsylvania
Immediate Past President	Anna Hirai of Honolulu, Hawaii
Northern Region	Thomas Akras of Maryland, Chair Wendy Knight of Vermont, Vice Chair
Southern Region	Erik Smoot of Oklahoma, Chair Russell Thomas of Tennessee, Vice Chair
Central Region	Lisa Gardner of Illinois, Chair Bruce Bailey of Nebraska, Vice Chair
Western Region	Michelle Stone-Principato of Colorado, Chair 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 2024 and FY 2025 Mary Beth Williams, Williams Compliance; and

FY 2025 and FY 2026 Stan Harris, Louisiana Restaurant Association.



2024-2025 NCSLA President Ernest P. Legier, Jr.

Mr. Legier is an experienced attorney and executive with 30 years of experience leading projects and organizations. He is currently serving as Commissioner of Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control. An honorably discharged veteran of the Louisiana National Guard, he earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of New Orleans (1992), a J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans (1995), and an MBA from the University of New Orleans in 2020.

In addition to his work as a regulator, he is a recognized leader in alternative dispute resolution, executive management, federal funding application, grants management and compliance, construction management and asset management. He has more than 20 years of experience practicing law, working to improve organizational performance, managing complex projects and operations, and developing and managing client relationships. Mr.

Legier has served as Executive Director of the Orleans Parish Hospital Service District "A" where he recruited and hired all staff, developed a physical headquarters, instituted all required policies and procedures, represented the board in all financial matters including the HUD application process, supervised all contracted professional services and oversaw the construction of a \$100,000,000.00 hospital project. He has worked as Vice President of Business Development for the American Arbitration Association where he was responsible for business development efforts in 6 states. He also served as Deputy Director of the Road Home Program which was the historic program designed to aid homeowners following Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Mr. Legier is active in his community and serves on the board for several organizations.

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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 45 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 www.ncsla.org for more information.