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Deregulation by Defunding: The Need for State Alcohol Regulatory Funding

Pat Gagliardi, President, Gagliardi Associates, LLC

Pat Gagliardi is President of Gagliardi Associates, LLC. His extensive background and communication skills have made him a sought-after speaker and contributor to state forums and publications.

Pat has 12 years' experience serving on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. He was appointed by two Michigan Governors and served as both an administrative commissioner and Chairman. As Chairman of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission from 2019 to 2023 Pat oversaw the unprecedented impact of the world-wide COVID pandemic on the alcohol industry in Michigan. During this time, he recommended and implemented technological updates to licensing systems that accomplished the long overdue streamlining of Michigan liquor licensing. As an administrative commissioner, Pat presided over licensing issues and contested cases brought on appeal before the Commission.

Additionally, Pat served for 16 years in the Michigan House of Representatives. He first served on the Appropriations committee before being elected by his colleagues as floor leader. He held this leadership position for 10 years until his retirement from the legislature in 1998.

Pat is married to his wife Debra and has four daughters and two grandchildren. He is a 1974 graduate of Lake Superior State University. He makes his home between Drummond Island and East Lansing Michigan.

J.T. Griffin, Principal, Griffin Strategies

J.T. Griffin has over 20 years of Capitol Hill and government relations experience. For eight years he worked on Capitol Hill for a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. For over 13 years, he ran the government relations and communications department at Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Here he helped pass laws in over 35 states to improve drunk driving laws and to advance legislation to support drunk driving vehicle technologies.

In the fall of 2020, J.T. formed Griffin Strategies, LLC, a full-service Government Relations firm representing clients before the federal government including the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and various federal agencies. The firm specializes in issues relating to transportation and technology, the federal appropriations process, and advising non-profit organizations on fundraising and best practice management.

J.T. is married to Kristin and has two children. He is a 1999 graduate of Mary Washington College, now the University of Mary Washington, and resides in Virginia.

Trusted Distribution Models: Protecting the Public

Darren R. Covington, J.D, Executive Vice President, Indiana Pharmacists Association

Darren Covington has served as Executive Vice President of the Indiana Pharmacists Association since 2020. He is a graduate of Franklin College and the Robert H. McKinney Indiana University School of Law. Previously, he served as Director of the Indiana Board of Pharmacy and Medical Licensing Board of Indiana and as a Deputy Attorney General in the Indiana Attorney General's Office. Darren has also served in various leadership roles for non-profit agencies, currently as Board President for a non-profit preschool in Greensburg and is a member of the Decatur County Tourism Board. He served on the Greensburg, Indiana City Council from 2016-2020 and is the Associate Pastor for the First Church of God - Greensburg. Darren, his wife, Abbie, and their son, William, reside in rural Decatur County, where they enjoy managing their large garden and woodlot.

Shawn Wiram, Vice President of Safety, Health, and Environment, Brenntag North America, Inc.

Shawn Wiram is the Vice-President of Safety, Health, and Environment for Brenntag North America. He is responsible for the over-sight of safety and regulatory affairs at 190+ locations within the U.S. and Canada. Shawn has 32 years of safety/regulatory compliance experience, with 29 years being within the chemical distribution and chlor-alkali industry. He is an authorized OSHA trainer, certified HAZWOPER Chemical Specialist and Incident Commander. Shawn graduated from Indiana State University in 1989, and holds a B.S. degree in Environmental Sciences, with emphasis in Geology, Microbiology and Chemistry. In 2018, Shawn was recognized by the NACD as Distributor of the Year.

Paul Pisano, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, National Beer Wholesalers Association

Paul Pisano leads the association's efforts in industry, legal and state governmental affairs and serves as a liaison to state distributor associations and outside groups.

Prior to joining NBWA, he served at the Department of Commerce, most recently as director of congressional affairs at the U.S. Census Bureau. He also spent six years working in senior positions on Capitol Hill.

Pisano holds a B.A. degree from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his J.D. from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law.

Fireside Chat with TTB

Carrie May, Assistant Administrator for Permitting and Taxation, Office of Field Operations, TTB

Caroline 'Carrie' May currently serves as the Assistant Administrator, Permitting and Taxation, of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), where she oversees excise tax collection and application processing for TTB's regulated industries. Previously, Ms. May served as Assistant Administrator, Field Operations, where she was responsible for the oversight, direction, and coordination of Field Operations functions associated with TTB's tax collection and consumer protection programs. In Field Operations, Ms. May furthered the partnership between Field Operations and Permitting and Taxation to drive increased tax compliance and led TTB's tax simplification initiative. Prior to serving as Assistant Administrator, she was with TTB's Office of Chief Counsel, most recently as Assistant Chief Counsel (Field Operations).

Before joining TTB, Ms. May was a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Tax Division, where she represented the United States in federal district and bankruptcy courts in tax-related matters. Prior to working at DOJ, Ms. May was a litigation associate with the Washington, DC law firm of Patton Boggs, LLP.

Ms. May holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Louisville and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia. She is a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Legal Update: Checking in with The Supremes

Thomas M. Fisher, Former Solicitor General, State of Indiana and current Vice President & Director of Litigation, EdChoice

Thomas M. Fisher served as a Deputy Attorney General for 22 years and as Indiana's first Solicitor General from 2005-2023. In that role he handled high profile litigation for the State, defended state statutes against constitutional attack, advised the Attorney General on a range of legal policy issues, and managed the State's U.S. Supreme Court docket. A two-time recipient of the National Association of Attorneys General Best Brief Award, Fisher has argued five times before the High Court.

His U.S. Supreme Court experience also includes authorship of dozens of cert-stage and merits-stage amicus curiae briefs on a wide range of issues. In addition, Fisher has argued dozens of important and high-profile cases before both the Indiana Supreme Court and the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. Fisher is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and was recently named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Eric Holcomb.

A native Hoosier, Fisher is a graduate of Wabash College and Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law.

John Neiman, Former Solicitor General, State of Alabama and current Shareholder, Maynard Nexsen

Clients look to John Neiman in high-stakes cases that are on appeal or likely to get there. A former U.S. Supreme Court clerk and Solicitor General of Alabama, John chairs the Firm's Appellate Practice Group, which strives to provide clients the highest level of appellate advocacy at value-driven rates. Best Lawyers® has named him the region's "Lawyer of the Year" for Appellate Practice three different times—in 2017, 2021, and 2024.

At any given time, John has multiple cases pending in the Alabama Supreme Court and Eleventh Circuit. In recent years, John has helped clients obtain reversals by the Alabama Supreme Court of multiple jury verdicts, including an \$18 million verdict in one case and an \$11.4 million verdict in another. He also recently helped a client obtain reversal by the Alabama Supreme Court of discovery sanctions that otherwise would have required a judgment against it on a claim for wrongful death. He has successfully represented clients in the Eleventh Circuit multiple times, in cases involving claims in excess of \$50 million.

While he is a go-to lawyer for cases in the Alabama Supreme Court and Eleventh Circuit, John also represents clients in a wide array of appeals throughout the country. In recent years he has presented oral argument for insurance-sector clients in the highest courts in New York and California, as well as the Fourth, Seventh, and Eighth Circuits. John has appeared for alcohol-industry clients in the Supreme Court and the First, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Circuits. As state Solicitor General from 2011 to 2014, John orally argued two merits cases at the United States Supreme Court.

John also routinely serves as counsel at high-stakes trials, where the subject matter has varied from alleged bad-faith denial of insurance coverage, to claims of environmental contamination, to personal-injury claims, to securities litigation. In this role he helps trial lawyers—whether at Maynard Nexsen or other firms—preserve clients’ objections, argue motions for judgment as a matter of law, and otherwise posture the case for effective results on appeal.

John’s practice extends to constitutional and administrative challenges to legislation and agency action. He is currently part of a team that represents clients challenging the federal Corporate Transparency Act. As counsel for the State of Alabama in water litigation, he recently helped his client negotiate an agreement that—if adopted by the Corps of Engineers after a public-comment period—will set minimum-flow targets at critical points of the Chattahoochee River for the first time in history. He also was part of a team that successfully challenged the IRS’s listing notice concerning conservation easements.

John is a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business distinguishes him as a Band 1 leading attorney in the area of Appellate Litigation.

Industry Facts

Lester Jones, Vice President of Analytics & Chief Economist, National Beer Wholesalers Association

Lester Jones tracks the economic factors that impact the beer distribution industry and alcohol policy decisions at the federal, state and local levels. He evaluates and develops primary industry data, including economic impact, tax impacts, sales and volume data.

Jones has more than 20 years of experience in research, survey methodology and applied economics. He previously served as chief economist at the Beer Institute, where he developed and executed significant research initiatives that helped shape America’s beer industry.

Jones also has become a respected public speaker, offering in-depth technical, analytical and quantitative expertise.

In addition to his decade of work at the Beer Institute, Jones previously worked for Arbitron Company (Nielsen) in Columbia, Maryland, and the Regional Economic Studies Institute in Towson, Maryland. Jones holds a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Delaware as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Considering Constituencies in Alcohol Policy

Raimee Eck, Founder and Principal, Sonrisa Solutions

Eck started her career as a Physical Assistant at the Boston Medical Center before becoming an alcohol policy consultant. She then joined the CDM Group, Inc. as Deputy Project Director before becoming Program Coordinator at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Eck then moved on to becoming a research assistant at the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, then as President of the Maryland Public Health Association. Eck next joined the National Cancer Institute as a Fellow before becoming Principal at Sonrisa Solutions, a public health consultant group while still being involved with the Maryland Public Health Association.

Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Relations, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Justin Nordhorn has over 26 years' experience with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Justin is currently the Director of Policy and External Affairs and has served in this position for over 3 years. He is responsible for agency public policy development, legal interpretations, rule development, public health outreach, Tribal relations, and the agency research program. Previously he served as Chief of the Enforcement and Education Division from 2011 to 2021. He has 26 years of law enforcement experience, holds a bachelor's in law and justice and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Justin has received the Governor's Award for Leadership in Management; he is a past president of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association and past member of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association Public Health Advisory Committee.

David Raber, General Counsel, Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio

David A. Raber is a graduate of Rollins College with a B.A. in Political Science and earned his Juris Doctor at the Claude W. Pettite College of Law, Ohio Northern University.

Attorney Raber's legal experience began as a Legal Extern for United States District Judge Alvin

I. Krenzler and then he went on to become an Assistant Attorney with the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

As an Ohio Assistant Attorney General, David represented the Ohio Liquor Control Commission,

Ohio Department of Liquor Control and the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Investigative Unit.

In 2002, Attorney Raber joined the Law Offices of J. Richard Lumpe and in 2005 became a partner of the Law Offices of Lumpe & Raber, now practicing as Lumpe, Raber, and Evans.

Attorney Raber served as Counsel for Legal Affairs for The Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio from 2005 until 2015, when he was named General Counsel for the Association.

Attorney Raber is involved with National beer and wine organizations including the role of Chairman of the Advisory Council to the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America Board of Directors from 2019-2021.

Preserving Fair Competition in Alcohol Regulation

Matthew Botting, General Counsel, California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Matthew Botting was appointed to the position of ABC General Counsel in August 2008. Mr. Botting has close to 30 years of state government legal experience. He was ABC's Chief Legal Counsel from 2000-2004 before he left for a short time to work in private practice. Mr. Botting returned to ABC in 2005, where he served as a Staff Counsel III until his appointment to General Counsel. Prior to joining ABC in 2000, Mr. Botting was a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice. Mr. Botting also represents the California ABC at the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators ("NCSLA") and served as President of that organization during 2016-17. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) degrees from Otago University in New Zealand before relocating to the United States.

Lori Carter, Assistant Director and General Counsel, Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission

Lori S. Carter is the Assistant Director and General Counsel for the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with honors in 1996. Prior to joining ABLE, Ms. Carter spent seventeen years with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office in various top leadership roles for four attorneys general. In her role as First Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Carter led the staff of almost 200 and managed all aspects of the office including communications, public relations, budget, and legislative and policy initiatives. She oversaw all litigation efforts with outside counsel and with other state attorneys general on a number of state and national policy issues. Ms. Carter represented the Attorney General on local, state, and national task forces and coordinated multi-million dollar litigation and negotiations for the State of Oklahoma. While at the Attorney General's office, she was instrumental in restructuring the staff, hiring, and compensation packages and additionally coordinated and managed several statewide task forces on issues of statewide importance including the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse, the SAFE Task Force, the Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board, the Red River Boundary Commission, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and the Criminal Justice Reclassification Coordination Council, which rewrote the entire Oklahoma felony criminal code.

From 2013-2020, Ms. Carter served as an adjunct professor at the University of Central Oklahoma teaching a course to aspiring law enforcement officers on the legal system and criminal laws. Prior to working for the Oklahoma Attorney General, Ms. Carter worked for an insurance defense litigation firm in Oklahoma City for three years where she fought insurance fraud, defended policyholders, and established a healthcare subrogation business. She has been admitted to practice in all Oklahoma state and federal courts as well as the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Ebony Connor, Deputy General Counsel, Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Ebony Connor is Deputy General Counsel with the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In this role, she works on legal, regulatory, and compliance matters for the Agency. Prior to moving into the alcohol industry as a regulatory, she worked in labor/employment law and healthcare law with various Tennessee state agencies. Ebony is a two-time graduate of Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee College of Law. All dogs like her, so she is positive she is a decent person, but cats also instinctively like her, so she could probably be better.

Keynote Address

Todd Rokita, Attorney General of Indiana

Todd Rokita was elected to office on November 3, 2020, having earned the highest number of votes of any state officeholder in Indiana history.

As the chief legal officer, Todd will always fight to protect Hoosiers from crime, fight lawlessness in our streets, uphold the rule of law, support our men and women in law enforcement, and protect our constitutional rights. Todd will protect Hoosiers' individual liberties and has demonstrated that commitment with his release of the Parents' Bill of Rights, his relentless defense of the unborn, his fight against the federal government's overreach, and fearless pursuit of Big Tech.

An experienced attorney, seasoned business executive, and proven public servant, Todd has spent his career putting Hoosiers first.

Todd brings a fresh perspective to public service, having forged a successful career in the private sector. He previously served as General Counsel and Vice President of External Affairs at Apex Benefits. He continues to

serve as a director or on select advisory boards for numerous Indiana and national companies. Todd practiced law for several years before entering public service, representing the interests of Indiana businesses and individuals in state and federal courts.

As a voice for Indiana in Congress, Todd served as Vice Chairman of the nation's budget committee. Looking for efficiencies to protect taxpayers, he helped ratchet down spending, pushing against entrenched Washington interests. With a passion for improving the quality of our children's educational outcomes and our nation's healthcare system, Todd also served as a Subcommittee Chairman on the only House committee of jurisdiction over education and employee healthcare.

Todd holds a consistent and proven record of supporting job creators and small businesses as a multiple-year recipient of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Todd also has a 100% record from the National Right to Life, because being pro-life is in line with our nation's founding documents allowing all Americans the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Todd has also earned the strongest scores for defending our 2nd Amendment Constitutional freedoms and religious liberty.

As Indiana's twice-elected Secretary of State, Todd successfully modernized the office, safeguarded our elections, and brought white-collar criminals to justice while improving efficiency—achieving the feat of spending less taxpayer money on overhead than predecessors dating back nearly twenty years. For his leadership, Todd was selected as the President of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

An attorney with strong courtroom experience, Todd recognized the need to tackle white-collar crime harming Indiana's senior citizens and families. Creating the Prosecution Assistance Unit, Todd worked with local law enforcement and prosecutors to track down and bring to justice criminals harming Hoosiers. As a result, over three hundred years of jail time was handed down against those committing financial fraud—an Indiana record.

He's also fought tirelessly to keep our elections safe from fraud. Under his leadership, Indiana instituted the nation's first-ever photo Voter ID law and Todd helped successfully defend it all the way to the Supreme Court. Now over 30 states have followed Todd and Indiana's lead, using this commonsense idea to preserve election integrity.

Todd was raised in Munster, Indiana, and graduated from Munster High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Wabash College, receiving its highest scholarship. He earned his law degree from the Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University and practiced privately for several years.

Todd and his wife Kathy, a successful Partner in a CPA firm, have two sons, Ryan and Teddy. Teddy has Angelman Syndrome, a complex and severe genetic disorder. Kathy is also the President of the National Angelman Syndrome Foundation. They know every life is precious and each can change the world.

Debate: The Future of Marijuana Regulation

William Jones III, Director of Community Engagement & Outreach, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

Coming from a legacy of civil rights leaders in Washington, D.C, Will Jones serves as the Communications and Outreach Associate at SAM. He is an experienced speaker and community activist working on issues of social justice at the local and national level.

Partnering with national drug policy advisors and leaders around Washington, D.C., in 2014 Jones founded Two Is Enough DC to raise awareness of the predatory marijuana commercial industry which disproportionately targets

disenfranchised communities similar to Alcohol and Big Tobacco. He later started the campaign against marijuana legalization and commercialization in D.C.

Mr. Jones has been featured on a wide variety of TV, radio and print outlets talking about marijuana policy and other issues including NBC, Reuters TV, CBS, BBC World, Al Jazeera, C-span the Washington Post, Huffington Post, Associated Press.

Mr. Jones is also a 3rd generation Washingtonian and proudly serves as a DC Firefighter/EMT and obtained his MPA from The GWU Trachtenberg School of Public Policy.

Karen O’Keefe, Director of State Politics, Marijuana Policy Project

As the director of state policies at the Marijuana Policy Project, Karen O’Keefe manages grassroots and direct lobbying efforts in state legislatures for the nation’s largest cannabis policy reform organization.

Karen is an attorney who has been with MPP since 2003. She is perhaps the foremost expert on state cannabis policies. Working closely with local advocates and lawmakers, her team has led campaigns that resulted in dozens of medical cannabis, decriminalization, expungement, and legalization laws.

The Relationship of Greek Life & Alcohol

Judson Horras, President and CEO, North American Interfraternity Conference

Judson Horras is the President & CEO of the North American Interfraternity Conference. After more than 18 years serving Beta Theta Pi—over eight as the Administrative Secretary—he took on this role in 2016 to lead the NIC into the future. Jud is an Iowa State University graduate; he lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Kara, and two kids, Anna and Andrew, who he hopes will enjoy meaningful fraternity/ sorority experiences soon.

Bill Young, Senior Director, Health Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Beer Institute

Bill Young is the senior director of health policy and regulatory affairs at the Beer Institute. Bill has more than 30 years of experience working in the beer industry, most recently working as the senior director of global alcohol policy for Molson Coors Brewing Company in Denver, Colorado. Bill is a native of Colorado but grew up mostly in Laramie, Wyoming, and earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wyoming. He and his wife, Lori, have three children.

Moderators

Brannon Denning, Starnes Professor of Law, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University; Advisory Council Member, Center for Alcohol Policy

Denning writes in the area of constitutional law; specifically, he has written on the Commerce Clause and the dormant commerce clause; judicial and executive branch appointments; the constitutional amendment process; foreign affairs and the Constitution; and the Second Amendment. He collaborated with Boris I. Bittker, Late Sterling Professor Emeritus at Yale on Bittker on the Regulation of Interstate Commerce and Foreign Commerce (Aspen Law and Business 1999), and is the sole author of the second edition. In 2016, he published Guns and the Law: Cases, Materials, and Explanation (with Andrew Jay McClurg), a casebook published by Carolina Academic Press that covers various aspects of the legal regulation of firearms from the Second Amendment to the laws governing the use of deadly force. Most recently, he has published the sixth edition of American

Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties, for which he is the successor author to the late Calvin Massey. He also recently combined two volumes of the previously-published The Glannon Guide to Constitution Law, publishing a third edition of The Glannon Guide to Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties. All are published by WoltersKluwer. He also wrote Developing Professional Skills: Constitutional Law, an innovative text that furnishes materials allowing students to hone their drafting, analysis, and negotiation skills through constitutional law problems. In addition, he is the co-author of Becoming a Law Professor: A Candidate's Guide, a soup-to-nuts guide for the aspiring legal academic. Denning's other writings have been published in Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Commentary, the Northwestern University Law Review, the William and Mary Law Review, the Minnesota Law Review, the American Journal of International Law, the Wisconsin Law Review, the Tulane Law Review, and Law and Contemporary Problems among other journals and periodicals. He was the recipient of the 2008 Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award for upper-level classes and of the Lightfoot, Franklin & White award for Faculty Scholarship, which he won in 2012, 2016, and 2019.

Jim Hall , Former Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council

Mr. Hall began his career in Washington as a member of the staff of Senator Albert Gore, Sr. (D-TN). He subsequently served as a counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations under Senator Ed Muskie. He maintained a private legal practice in Chattanooga, Tennessee, before serving in the cabinet of Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter. Mr. Hall served as director of the state's Planning Office for five years. As such he was responsible for overseeing the establishment of the Memphis Headquarters for FedEx, the internationally recognized shipping company. In addition to overseeing this large initiative, Mr. Hall handled policy planning and special projects, including heading up planning for the State's Bicentennial Celebration. It was Hall's initiative that resulted in the construction of the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville, one of the city's newest crown jewels. Hall returned to Washington, D.C. to serve as Chief of Staff for Senator Harlan Mathews (D-TN). In 1993, Mr. Hall was nominated by President Clinton to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and to serve as its Chairman in 1994. He led the Board through January 2001. Hall has for many years been Vice Chairman of the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority. Mr. Hall is a former member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Tennessee and the Board of the UC Foundation, and a former member of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. He was also the Chairman of the Enterprise Center in Chattanooga for eight years, a board member of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, and served on the National Academy of Engineering's Committee on Combating Terrorism and the Aviation Institute Advisory Board of George Washington University. In addition, Mr. Hall served as a member of the External Advisory Board of BP America PLC. Mr. Hall has given congressional testimony before numerous House and Senate committees, including the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (aviation and railroad subcommittees) and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (transportation and surface transportation/merchant marine subcommittees).

Patrick Lynch, Former Attorney General of Rhode Island; Advisory Council Member, Center for Alcohol Policy

Serving from 2003 to 2010, Patrick C. Lynch was the 72nd person to hold the office of Rhode Island Attorney General since its inception in 1650. A former State prosecutor, he made reducing juvenile crime the centerpiece of his administration, believing that the career criminals of tomorrow start off as the youth offenders of today. A 1987 graduate of Brown University, Attorney General Lynch earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School. As a Special Assistant Attorney General from 1994 to 1999, he prosecuted cases at every level of Rhode Island's criminal justice system and led the State's prosecution of gang-related offenses. Lynch worked for one of Rhode Island's top law firms until the 2002 election, which capped his first campaign for public office.

Jerry Oliver , Professor of Practice, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University; Center for Alcohol Policy Advisory Council

Former Chief of Police (Detroit, Richmond, and Pasadena) and Arizona alcohol regulator, Jerry Oliver was appointed to the Phoenix Police Department in 1970 before being promoted to Assistant Police Chief in 1988. Oliver was then appointed as Director of Drug Policy before his appointment as Pasadena Police Chief in 1991. He served there for 4 years before becoming Richmond Police Chief in 1995, then Detroit Police Chief in 2002. Following his term as Chief, Oliver was appointed as Special policy Advisor to the Arizona Attorney General in 2004, then appointed by the Governor as Director of the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Kelly Roberson, Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy

In May 2020, the Center for Alcohol Policy named Kelly Roberson as executive director. Roberson brings to the Center her years of experience in policy and marketing from the public and private sectors.

Prior to her work with the Center, Roberson served as policy advisor and communications director in the U.S. House of Representatives where she led a varied portfolio of issues on behalf of the Western Caucus. She cultivated a strong understanding of regulated industries and worked with several members of Congress and their staffs on issues including energy and the environment, land use and resources, water and Native American affairs.

Most recently, Roberson pioneered the role of National Director of Digital Communications for one of the leading bicycle retailers on the east coast. During this time, her passion for building strategic partnerships and relationships combined with her overhaul of the company's digital presence paved the way for exponential growth in both sales and brand awareness.

A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Roberson graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University with a degree in Spanish Linguistics and International Business and Management.

Steve Schmidt, Alcohol Policy Consultant and Advisor

Steve Schmidt provides expertise and strategy for organizations and individuals engaged in the development and implementation of programs and policies that address the unique challenges of beverage alcohol. He has held leadership positions with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and for over 40 years has been engaged in efforts to address and inform alcohol related issues at the local, state, national, and international level. Steve has served on several national boards/advisory committees, authored publications, presented before a variety of audiences, and developed multiple initiatives concerning alcohol issues. He has held adjunct faculty positions at Pennsylvania State University, Villanova University, and York College of Pennsylvania in political science, government, substance use, and non-profit management.