



# CENTER FOR ALCOHOL POLICY

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Alcohol Law and Policy Conference

Hyatt Centric Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, IL | August 25-27, 2025

### Monday, August 25

4:00pm – 7:00pm	<u>Registration</u>	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
5:30pm – 7:00pm	<u>Welcome reception</u>	<i>Lakeshore Ballroom</i>

### Tuesday, August 26 All Education Sessions in the Grand Ballroom

7:30am – 4:15pm	<u>Registration</u>	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
7:30am – 8:30am	<u>Breakfast</u>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
8:30am – 8:45am	<u>Welcome remarks</u>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>

**Kelly Roberson**, Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy

**Lisa Gardner**, Executive Director, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

#### 8:45am – 9:45am Changes in Public Health Policy

**Robert Morrison**, Executive Director, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Directors

**Sue Thau**, Public Policy Consultant, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

**Bill Kerr**, Director, Alcohol Research Group

Moderator: Steve Schmidt, Center for Alcohol Policy

#### 9:50am – 10:20am Keynote Address

**Dana Nessel**, Attorney General of Michigan

Introduction: Patrick Lynch, Center for Alcohol Policy

**10:25am – 11:00am**                      Survey Results: Alcohol & Hemp THC Beverages

**Lori Weigel**, Principal, New Bridge Strategy

Moderator: Kelly Roberson, Center for Alcohol Policy

**11:00am – 11:15am**                      Break

**11:15am – 12:15pm**                      Organized Retail Theft

**Andy Grabois**, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Manhattan Beer Distributors

**Khris Hamlin**, Vice President of Asset Protection, Retail Industry Leaders Association

**Nathalina Hudson**, Chief of Staff, Illinois Attorney General Office

**Alan Rosenberg**, General Counsel, Republic National Distributing Company

Moderator: Patrick Lynch, Center for Alcohol Policy

**12:15pm – 1:15pm**                      Lunch                      *Lakeshore Ballroom*

**1:15pm – 2:15pm**                      Challenges in Alcohol Law Enforcement

**Ebony Connor**, Deputy General Counsel, Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission

**Ernest Legier**, Commissioner, Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission

**Brandon King**, Deputy Chief, Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery

**Kellette Mayberry**, Agent in Charge, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Investigative Unit

Moderator: Jerry Oliver, Center for Alcohol Policy

**3:15pm – 4:15pm**

Trade Practice in Practice

**Matthew Botting**, Principal, Law Office of Matthew D. Botting

**Dimitri Christopoulos**, Principal, Christopoulos Dickens

**Richard Haymaker**, Legal Counsel, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Moderator: Jim Hall, Center for Alcohol Policy

**5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Evening reception: Leadership in Alcohol

Regulation Award

*Lakeshore Ballroom*

## **Wednesday, August 27** All Education Sessions in Grand Ballroom

**7:30am – 12:30pm**

Registration

*Grand Ballroom Foyer*

**7:30am – 8:30am**

Breakfast

*Grand Ballroom*

**8:30am – 8:40am**

Welcome remarks

*Grand Ballroom*

**Kelly Roberson**, Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy

**8:40am – 9:40am**

Landscape of Hemp THC

**Norm Birenbaum**, Inaugural President, Cannabis Regulators Association

**Christopher Lackner**, Executive Director, Hemp Beverage Alliance

**Chris Lindsey**, Director of State and Public Policy, American Trade Association of Cannabis and Hemp

**Gillian Schauer PhD**, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association

Moderator: Steve Schmidt, Center for Alcohol Policy

**9:45am – 10:45am**

SCOTUS & Litigation Update

**Jacqueline Flug**, Partner, Greenspoon Marder

**John Neiman**, Former Solicitor General of Alabama

**Alyssa Wolfe**, Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Moderator: Brannon Denning, Center for Alcohol Policy

**10:45am – 11:00am** Break

**11:00am – 12:00pm** Regulation Nation

**Janelle Christian**, Director of Outreach, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau

**Kathie Durbin**, Director, Montgomery County Alcohol Beverage Service

**Rosie Shatkin**, Government Relations and Legislative Director, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

**Michelle Stone-Principato**, Director, Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

Moderator: Jerry Oliver, Center for Alcohol Policy

**12:00pm – 12:10pm** Closing remarks *Grand Ballroom*

**Kelly Roberson**, Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy

**12:10pm** Departures