



CENTER FOR ALCOHOL POLICY

18th 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: Kelly Roberson, Center for Alcohol Policy

2:20pm – 3:20pm

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: Steve Schmidt, Center for Alcohol Policy

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

Kelly Roberson, Executive Director, Center for Alcohol Policy

12:10pm Departures