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NCSLA ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGE

March 14, 2019 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) announced that Steven Barker will fill the vacancy of Southern Region Chair on the Executive Committee. Mr. Barker, Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission, and serving as NCSLA Southern Region Vice-chair, graciously accepted the appointment to serve as Southern Region Chair effective March 1, 2019. The position was previously held by Christine Trout Van Tatenhove, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, who resigned after accepting a new position with a different state agency.

“The Executive Committee looks forward to working with Steven Barker and we appreciate his enthusiasm and dedication to NCSLA,” said Jeffrey Kelly, NCSLA President and Director, Maryland Field Enforcement Division. He also added, “The contributions, support and leadership provided by Christy Trout Van Tatenhove after becoming an active NCSLA member in 2016 will be missed by the organization.”

Executive Committee officers hold positions for the term of July 1 through June 30 each year. The next election of officers and regional chairpersons for fiscal year 2019-20 is scheduled for the annual membership meeting on June 18, 2019, held during the NCSLA Annual Conference June 16-19, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky.



STEVEN BARKER serves as Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission, and has served in that capacity since 2015. Mr. Barker began his public service career as an Assistant General Counsel for the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Prior to joining the ABLE Commission, Mr. Barker served as an Assistant Attorney General under E. Scott Pruitt. He resides in Edmond, Oklahoma with his wife Shauna, where they raise their children Caden, Reese, and Ava.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national, non-profit 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 41 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.