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Alcoholic Beverage Regulators from 13 States to Provide Leadership on 2021-22 Executive Committee

July 16, 2021 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. The officers and regional chairpersons elected at the NCSLA virtual annual business meeting on June 22, 2021, are:

President	Thomas Philpot of Florida
1st Vice President	Stephanie Strauss of Iowa
2nd Vice President	Travis Hill of Virginia
3rd Vice President	Steven Marks of Oregon
Immediate Past President	Anna Hirai of Hawaii (City and County of Honolulu)
Northern Region	Jenna Giguere of Rhode Island, Chair Rodrigo Diaz of Pennsylvania, Vice Chair
Southern Region	Steven Barker of Oklahoma, Chair Ernest Legier of Louisiana, Vice Chair
Central Region	Debbi Beavers of Kansas, Chair Dorothy Taylor of Missouri, Vice Chair
Western Region	Michelle Stone-Principato of Colorado, Chair Becky Schlauch of Montana, Vice Chair.

Additionally, two associate member representatives will serve as ex-officio members of the NCSLA Executive Committee on two-year terms, including:

FY 2021 and FY 2022	Kimberly Frost of Martin, Frost & Hill, P.C.; and
FY 2022 and FY 2023	Michael Martinez of Greenspoon Marder, LLP.



2021-2022 NCSLA President Thomas Philpot

Thomas Philpot serves as the Chief of Staff of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Appointed in January 2019, Thomas leads the Department's regulatory policy initiatives and the administration of agency operations with a total operating budget of \$165 million and more than 1,650 team members serving in 20 field locations statewide. The Department licenses and regulates more than 1.4 million businesses and professionals across more than 30 fields of industry, including entities engaged in the manufacturing, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages within Florida.

Previously, Thomas served as the Department's Acting Deputy Secretary for Business Regulation (September 2018 – January 2019), Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (January 2015 – January 2019), and Deputy Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (July 2014 – January 2015).

Thomas is a member of The Florida Bar. Prior to joining the Department, he represented clients in private practice across a broad portfolio of regulatory compliance and administrative law matters. Before practicing law, Thomas served as an on-the-record spokesperson and media liaison for Governor Jeb Bush and Governor Charlie Crist in Florida. He also served in fellowships with the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the Economic Affairs Committee of the Florida House of Representatives.

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law, where he served as President of the Moot Court Team.

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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 42 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.