



NCSLA Reconnect: Rethink and Redesign the Future **2021 Annual Conference – Reno, Nevada**

PANEL UPDATE – WEEK 5

This week's update on the 2021 Annual Conference showcases the ethics panel! Each week a session from the business program will be featured. The annual conference theme, "*NCSLA Reconnect: Rethink and Redesign the Future*," accentuates the organization's and industry's resolutely positive outlook and the continuing need for resiliency in the future. While COVID-19 will continue to play a central role in this and future conferences, the business agenda gives equal time to many other issues of similar importance.

Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, See No Evil – Maintaining Client Confidentiality in the New Normal.



COVID has not only disrupted the industry, but has forced many of us to work outside of our usual offices or workspaces. Although offices are reopening, full or part time remote work is becoming more commonplace. Attorneys and regulators handle highly confidential and personal information on a daily basis as licensing files are filled with sensitive information. Many households have multiple people working from home, files are being taken home, documents may be mailed to residences, and some are convinced big sisters Alexa and Siri are listening.

COVID has been a game changer when it comes to how and where we work yet lawyers have an obligation under Rule 1.15 of the *Model Rules of Professional Conduct* to maintain confidentiality. Remote work and flexible work forces may be here to stay. Come join moderator **Caroline O'Connell**, solo practitioner, with panelists **Matthew Botting**, General Counsel, California Alcoholic Beverage Control; **Alyssa Wolfe**, Counsel to the Director, New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; **Dewey Brackin**, Partner, BrackinSchwartz PLLC; and **Elizabeth DeConti**, Shareholder, GrayRobinson, P.A. on Sunday morning for some lively discussion, tips and best practices on maintaining confidentiality in this new work environment.

For those who need to fulfill Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements, NCSLA is working to obtain pre-approval from some state authorities and will provide a Uniform Certificate of Attendance for submission to your local jurisdiction. We'll keep you apprised of state approvals as they are received.

Registration is open so visit www.ncsla.org today and make plans NOW to come to Reno, Nevada from August 26-29, 2021 for this year's annual meeting of the NCSLA! *Not a current member of NCSLA?* Just complete the [online application form](#) on the NCSLA website and enjoy these beneficial and educational business sessions in addition to the valuable networking opportunities. Don't miss this homecoming event of the year - I hope to see you there!

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