



## **BLURRED LINES IN THE AGE OF ALCOHOL INNOVATION**

### **2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS**

**JUNE 19 – 22, 2022**

From the esteemed 2022 Program Planning Committee, here's a special preview of one of the sessions featured in the upcoming 2022 NCSLA Annual Conference Program:



#### **SESSION #9: INTERSECTION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS**

Cannabis is becoming legal in more and more states every year and businesses in each industry are looking at ways to come or work together. This panel will look at the various ways that the alcohol beverage and cannabis industries intersect both from the perspective of how laws and regulations for the two industries compare as well as how regulators, particularly those with dual responsibilities, address the complex issues raised by these two products. The panel will provide a basic introduction to cannabis laws and regulation, both existing and proposed and consider federal and state permitting and licensing regulations in states where both the sale and distribution are currently lawful. The panel will include both industry participants and former and current state regulators. Ultimately, our panelists will debate the question, "Should cannabis be regulated like alcohol beverages?"

The panel will be moderated by **Christopher Riano**, Of Counsel at Holland & Knight, and former General Counsel for the New York State Liquor Authority. Joining him on Tuesday morning are **Kelly Diggins**, VP Regulatory Affairs & Associate General Counsel, Constellation Brands; **Kelly Fair**, U.S. General Counsel, Canopy Growth Corporation; **Emily Gant**, Principal, Foster Garvey; and **Rick Garza**, Director, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

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Register today and enjoy this session and the many other informative panels that are planned for the [2022 NCSLA Annual Conference Business Agenda](#).

On behalf of our dedicated team of state and associate members who have supported the program planning for this annual conference, we welcome you to register today and make plans to reconnect with our members from across the country this summer. We look forward to seeing you in Kansas in June!

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