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**KEVIN ATTICKS** is a Writer, publisher, educator, promoter, lobbyist. He founded Grow & Fortify to do for entrepreneurs and organization what he helped do for the Maryland Wineries Association as its executive director since 2013: build and strengthen. Kevin started out writing press articles for the wine industry, but soon grew the organization with new events, promotional programs, government affairs initiatives and more. He is a board member and past chair of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, past president of the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council, and past chair of the Wine America State & Regional Associations Advisory Council. Kevin holds a masters in environmental journalism from CU-Boulder, a doctorate in communications design from University of Baltimore, and a bachelors in journalism and music composition from Loyola University, where he teaches book publishing.

**NICHOLAS BERGMAN** is a Partner at Buchman Law Firm, LLP, residing in the Firm's New York City office. He has practiced in the field of beverage alcohol control law for over 20 years. He received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio in 1997 and his B.A. from and Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio, in 1992. He is admitted to the California, New Jersey and New York State bars. Nicholas holds a post graduate degree in Wine Marketing, Finance and Accounting from the Office International du Vin (OIV) in Paris, France. He currently serves as one of two Industry Representatives to the Executive Board of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, a non-profit organization providing education to its members in the beverage alcohol regulatory and commercial sectors.

**JONATHAN BERMAN** has served as an Assistant General Counsel with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration since 2010. Jonathan is a graduate of the American University in Washington, D.C., and received a J.D. and Certificate of National Security and Counterterrorism Law from the Syracuse University College of Law.

**RACHEL BLOOMEKATZ** is a principal at Gupta Wessler PLLC, where she focuses on Supreme Court, appellate, and complex litigation.

Rachel's practice draws on her extensive appellate experience in both the public and private sectors, as well as insights gained from her clerkships with Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice Margaret Marshall on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and Judge Guido Calabresi on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Rachel has argued constitutional issues and complex appeals in state and federal appellate courts nationwide and regularly practices before the U.S. Supreme Court. Recognized as a top appellate advocate, video recordings of Rachel's arguments have been used as a model to teach effective oral advocacy to many first-year students at Harvard Law School. She represents numerous national public-health groups—including the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Public Health Law Center, the Truth Initiative, and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids—in courts throughout the country on issues including tobacco control, sugar-sweetened beverages, federal regulatory policy, preemption, and the First Amendment. In representing these groups, she has played a leading role in some of the most critical current public health litigation, including challenges to warning labels, soda taxes, and roll-backs of crucial federal public health regulations. Rachel also represents Genesee County (Flint, MI) in defending its decision to raise the tobacco-sales age to 21.

Rachel joined Gupta Wessler in 2016 from Jones Day, where she was a member of the renowned Issues and Appeals practice group. Previously, as an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts, she defended the Commonwealth's gun laws, child protection statutes, and other state laws and regulations in appellate courts.

Rachel divides her time between Washington, DC and Columbus, Ohio.



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**DONOVAN BORVAN** is the Founder and Principal at BORVAN GROUP LLC, a full-service firm that provides legal, government relations and compliance consulting representation for businesses in the liquor and cannabis industries. Prior to forming Borvan Group LLC, Donovan was the Executive Director of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. In that role, Donovan spearheaded some of the broadest reforms to liquor regulation in the state's history, including drafting the state's first comprehensive "Of Value" regulation and directing the state portion of a joint trade practice investigation between the ILCC and the Tax and Trade Bureau of the Federal Department of the Treasury.

Before his appointment as ILCC Executive Director, Donovan served as an Associate General Counsel in the office of the Illinois Governor, where he directed litigation and settlement strategy for all executive branch agencies in the state. Donovan began his legal career as a class action litigator at Sidley Austin LLP, where he handled cases in the fields of antitrust, employment discrimination and commercial law. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Donovan was a retail licensee as the co-owner of a bar.

Donovan is a well-known speaker on issues related to liquor law, particularly in the area of federal and state trade practice enforcement. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and his B.A. with a double major in History and Political Science from the University of Tennessee.

**LARRY 'BUDDY' BUCKNER** is the Alcohol Policy and Legal Research Analyst with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA). Buddy grew-up in the alcohol industry—spending more than a decade working for Service Distributing, a Virginia wine wholesaler, prior to entering politics as a campaign manager. At NABCA, he serves as the primary point of contact for the association's research needs.

Buddy holds a Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Virginia. He is also a licensed attorney in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**ARTHUR 'ART' J. DECELLE** focuses his practice on advising alcohol beverage companies in commercial transactions, advertising and marketing, regulatory and excise tax compliance, and effective participation in legal and public policy debates at all levels of government.

Prior to joining McDermott, Art was the executive vice president and general counsel of the Beer Institute. He worked with industry members and lawmakers in drafting the 21st Amendment Enforcement Act, the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act, and numerous amendments to federal and state statutes. He also drafted and coordinated three revisions of the Beer Institute Advertising and Marketing Code and wrote several general industry guidance documents.

Earlier in his career, Art served as chief of staff for two members of the House of Representatives, a staff member of the House Government Operations Committee, and an associate staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

**ELIZABETH DECONTI** has spent more than 20 years focusing her law practice on the unique area of alcohol beverage and food regulation. She is a shareholder in the Tampa office and is one of the original members of the firm's Alcohol Beverage and Food Team. Prior to joining GrayRobinson, she was a partner with the Tampa office of Holland & Knight and a judicial clerk for the Honorable Antoinette L. Dupont, chief judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court. She earned her bachelor's *cum laude* and with distinction in Renaissance Studies from Yale University in 1993 and then received her juris doctor *cum laude* in 1996 from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was a Harvey T. Reid Scholar.

Elizabeth concentrates on litigation, compliance, and promotions matters related to the rules, regulations and business practices governing the marketing, sale and consumption of malt beverages, wine, distilled spirits and other regulated



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products in the alcohol and food industry. She represents major alcohol suppliers, wholesaler retailers, marketing companies, and other members of the hospitality industry.

Elizabeth's litigation experience in complex commercial, franchise, and intellectual property (in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies throughout the United States) gives her a strong background in drafting contracts related to advertising, distribution, importation and related issues associated with the food and beverage industry. In addition, Elizabeth has a national reputation in the area of alcohol-focused advertising and promotions and frequently advises clients on regulatory compliance issues associated with software development and digital and social media. Additionally, she is a sought-after advisor on the intersection of state and federal alcohol regulations and Federal Trade Commission regulations as they pertain to sweepstakes, contests and other games.

Elizabeth is fluent in Italian and French and advises European clients on international and domestic matters. Her international experience has included the negotiation, sale and purchase of Italian wineries, liaising with Italian law firms on litigation matters pending in Italy and the United States; representation of several German breweries; and advising and counseling foreign entities seeking to export products from Western Europe into the U.S.

Elizabeth is a member of The Florida Bar and The Connecticut Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida. Additionally, she is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Association. She is also a frequent lecturer to the alcohol beverage and hospitality industries.

**ANDREW 'ANDY' J. DELONEY** was originally appointed as an Administrative Commissioner to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) on June 10, 2011 by Governor Rick Snyder for a four-year term and was re-appointed April 24, 2015 for a second four-year term that expires on June 12, 2019. At the time of both of his appointments, Governor Snyder designated him Chairman of the Commission. In this role, he has been recognized in the Michigan Information and Research Service daily Michigan government and politics news as one of the most effective officials in the Snyder Administration. Serving on the Board of Directors for NABCA since 2011, he served as Chairman of the Board for a one-year term ending in May 2018. Prior to his time at the MLCC, Mr. Deloney served as Vice President of Public Affairs for the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA). In that role, he oversaw the legislative, regulatory, and political operations of a trade association widely and consistently considered to be one of the most powerful and influential in Lansing. In addition to the MRA earning plaudits under his leadership, Mr. Deloney was voted numerous times by Lansing insiders to be one of Lansing's top individual lobbyists. Before his time at the MRA, he was the assistant state director for Michigan's arm of the National Federation of Independent Business, an advocacy organization for small and independent business owners. Mr. Deloney also previously served as a legislative assistant in the Michigan House of Representatives, performing policy duties for two state representatives. Mr. Deloney earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration in public service from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. Mr. Deloney resides in White Lake in the Detroit area with his wife, Tammy, and daughters, Audrey and Abigail.

**RODRIGO 'ROD' DIAZ** has been the Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) since 2016, Rodrigo Diaz leads a team of attorneys and staff that advises the PLCB in the review and resolution of legal matters impacting the agency. The office renders opinions upon the legality and propriety of statutes, rules and regulations relating to the possession, manufacture, sale, consumption and transportation of alcohol within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Since Rodrigo joined the PLCB in 1992, he has served as assistant counsel, legislative counsel and deputy chief counsel. From 2008 through early 2016, Rodrigo served as executive deputy chief counsel, directly overseeing all legal functions in the agency.



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During his career, Rodrigo has represented the PLCB before numerous tribunals, including Commonwealth Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, involving significant issues like liquid fuels and alcohol sales by supermarkets. Rodrigo has been instrumental in drafting PLCB regulations and representing the agency before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. Rodrigo has drafted numerous legislative proposals ultimately enacted into law and has provided testimony in legislative hearings involving the beer distribution system.

Rodrigo has served on the faculty of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, where he taught liquor licensing matters, and he has planned and moderated panels for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA).

**KATHIE DURBIN** joined the Department of Liquor Control in 2002 as a Community Outreach Manager. She has served as the Division Chief of Licensure, Regulation and Education for 15 years and is responsible for alcohol licensing, alcohol policy, education, legislative initiatives and business compliance. Kathie began her career as a Responsible Alcohol Beverage Service Instructor for the Restaurant Association of Maryland Hospitality Education Foundation while working in management position for several restaurants. Afterward, she spent 10 years working as a consultant for the Montgomery County Health and Human Services where she wrote and managed state grants, mini-grants and the local substance abuse prevention network. Later, as the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Restaurant Association Kathie worked closely with the business community. She collaborated with local agencies and the executive board to craft meaningful alcohol legislation.

Kathie is a graduate of the University of Maryland in Baltimore County. She is certified by the State of Maryland as an Alcohol Server Instructor and as a Substance Abuse Prevention Professional. As an alcohol regulator, she plays a leadership role statewide as the current President of the Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association (MALA) and is an active member of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association, Responsible Hospitality Institute and the Responsible Retailing Forum. Recognized in 2016 by the National Alcohol Licensing Professional Association for Innovation and Leadership and again in 2017 by the Center for Alcohol Policy as Regulator of the Year, Kathie is considered an expert in the field of alcohol regulation, education and policy.

Kathie resides in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband Chuck and daughters Samantha, Elizabeth and Kate.

**PAM ERICKSON** is a passionate leader on alcohol issues. From 1996 to 2003, she directed the Oregon Liquor Control Commission which included operating Oregon's distilled spirits business. From 2003 to 2007, she worked at Oregon Partnership to direct statewide leadership and media campaigns to reduce underage drinking. Currently, she owns Public Action Management which develops and operates an education campaign for a "Healthy Alcohol Marketplace." This campaign is designed to explain the purpose and objectives of alcohol regulation in simple terms. She has developed several reports on deregulation in the United Kingdom and the US and biennially produces a report for policy makers called, "Issue Briefs." These reports explain how deregulation can lead to increased social problems such as high rates of underage drinking, public order offenses and alcohol related disease. In April 2015, she issued a "short report" on Private Label Alcohol which traces the history of private label products and identifies regulatory issues. Pam has also served as an expert witness in key alcohol regulation cases in Michigan, Kentucky and California. Her educational materials are available at [www.healthyalcoholmarket.com](http://www.healthyalcoholmarket.com).

**SETH GUGGENHEIM** has practiced law in both the public and private sectors for over 35 years. He has held leadership positions in the Alexandria Bar Association, and lectures frequently on legal ethics and professional regulation to bar associations and other groups. Seth is an adjunct professor at the Washington College of Law at American University, teaching a course called Ethics for Trial Lawyers, and judging law student competitions.



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Between February of 2000 and April of 2012, Seth was a prosecutor for the Virginia State Bar. He is now assistant ethics counsel for the Bar, giving Ethics Hotline advice to attorneys, presenting at seminars, and assisting the Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Ethics in the generation of legal ethics opinions.

Seth earned his bachelor's degree at Boston University, and is a graduate of the Washington College of Law at American University, where he was awarded a Juris Doctor degree. Seth is an active member of the Virginia State Bar and an inactive member of the District of Columbia bar.

**JOHN C. GUADNOLA** is the Executive Director of the Association of Washington Spirits & Wine Distributors and a partner in the law firm of Gordon Thomas Honeywell, PLLC, in Tacoma, Washington. John has extensive antitrust experience, starting in 1977 and continuing to the present. He has been practicing in the alcohol law arena since 2003, when he took on the responsibility of assisting the State of Washington in defending its laws governing the distribution and sale of beer and wine against an antitrust challenge from Costco. After prevailing on substantially all of the antitrust issues in a 1980 Ninth Circuit ruling, he was named Executive Director of the Washington Beer & Wine Distributors Association. He held that position through the battles over privatization, and as of January 1, 2013, he assumed his current position with AWSWD. Since 2013 John's principal focus has been on ensuring compliance with alcohol regulations in Washington, and on protecting and advancing the interests of distributors in the legislature.

**JOSHUA 'JOSH' HAPPE** is the Chief of Regulatory Compliance at the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division. In this role, Josh leads the Division's Bureau of Regulatory Compliance, which is responsible for licensing and regulating the alcoholic beverages industry in Iowa. Josh holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and his previous experience includes 16 years of law enforcement-related work, serving in positions such as Director of the Iowa Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, a police officer for the University of Wisconsin, and a US Postal Inspector with the US Postal Inspection Service.

**JACOB 'JAKE' HEGEMAN** is Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA). In this role, Jake works with state and federal regulatory officials on behalf of WSWA and its members. Jake joined WSWA in 2013 from Stateside Associates, a Virginia based state government affairs firm where he served as Vice President. In this role, Jake managed the company's regulatory division and worked on advocacy efforts with a wide variety of state regulatory agencies.

Prior to rejoining Stateside Associates, Jake served as National State Liaison at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). As a liaison, Jake worked alongside agency leadership and state agriculture officials to improve regulatory processes and enhance communication and coordination across a range of animal and plant health issues.

Jake previously worked at Stateside Associates from 2004-2008 as Senior Regulatory Counsel where he managed the Regulatory Services Division and managed numerous research and compliance projects in the energy, environment and retail arenas. Jake also helped spearhead a workgroup of state environmental regulators addressing a range of waste and cleanup issues.

Originally from upstate New York, Jake earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and his Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School, both with honors. Jake is a member of the New York State Bar and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

**ALISON HERMAN** currently serves as SGWS Senior Counsel, Regulatory & Compliance. She has worked for SGWS for the past 10.5 years. In her role as Senior Counsel, Alison is responsible for regulatory and compliance matters, including



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trade practice investigations and trainings, in all 44 states, Canada and the USVI. Prior to joining SGWS, Alison worked for 13 years in the law firm of Breier, Seif, Herman & Silverman, P.A. and for over 2 years as a Broward County Assistant State Attorney. Alison received her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami in May, 1988. She currently serves on the board of the Parkinson's Foundation.

**CASSANDRA L. HICKS** Cassandra Hicks serves as the Deputy Superintendent of the Division of Liquor Control and is responsible for managing regulatory responsibilities that support the functions of the division in licensing, inspection, investigation and compliance with liquor laws related to the issuance and renewal of liquor permits, regulation of manufacturers and wholesale distributors, registration, regulation and sale of alcohol products, both 21% or more by volume and low-proof alcohol products. She also supervises the division legal staff that is responsible for interpreting applicable state and federal liquor laws and regulations and conducting administrative hearings under the statutory authority of the superintendent.

In her present position she has eliminated many inefficient processing procedures, decreased the timeframe to implement new permit types created by the legislature and maximized the use of staff by creating cross functional positions.

Prior to working at the division, Ms. Hicks represented businesses and clients in the private practice of law in Bexley, Ohio. Her specialty areas of practice were in business and regulatory matters, intellectual property, employment, and administrative law. She served her client base in development of new and improved ways to evaluate, respond, and comply with business regulatory requirements and proactively address commercial compliance and workplace issues to reduce unnecessary expenditures and negative exposure.

She has also worked as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC, where she streamlined procedures for legal review of international contracts and international postal agreements between the United States, other members of the Universal Postal Union and international carriers for package and delivery services.

Additionally, Ms. Hicks served as General Counsel to the Ohio Secretary of State, where she managed the legal staff in the areas of business law, election and campaign finance law, and provided legal advice and counsel to Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. During her tenure she increased business efficiency and accelerated the timeframe from weeks to days for new businesses to receive approved corporate filings by implementing a new web portal for stakeholder use and changes in internal business processes.

**TRAVIS HILL** was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia ABC Authority by Governor Ralph Northam in January 2018. As CEO, Travis Hill serves as the head of the ABC Authority and works with the appointed five-member Authority Board to set the course and strategic objectives for the Authority. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Hill served as Virginia ABC's Chief Operating Officer after being appointed to that position by Governor McAuliffe in October 2014. During his time as COO, Hill focused on increased revenue, a modernization of business practices and agency infrastructure and enhancing regulatory service provided by the Bureau of Law Enforcement. He was also part of the leadership team that guided the smooth transition from an agency to an authority structure. Before arriving at ABC, Hill previously served as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, having been appointed by Governor McAuliffe in January 2014 after serving in the same capacity under Governor McDonnell since July 2011. Prior to that, Hill worked eight years as an attorney in the Richmond office of Williams Mullen representing a wide variety of clients before the Virginia General Assembly, the State Corporation Commission and other regulatory bodies, including Virginia ABC. Hill received both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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**SARAH HUNGER** has served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Appeals Division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General since 2016. Her practice focuses on civil litigation in the federal appellate courts, where she defends the constitutionality of state laws and represents state officials and agencies. Sarah has recently represented the State of Illinois in *Lebamoff Enterprises, Inc. v. Rauner* in the Seventh Circuit and in *Tennessee Wine v. Blair*, as an amicus in the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to her time in the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Sarah was a member of the Issues and Appeals practice in Jones Day's Washington, D.C. office. She also clerked for the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and for the Honorable Garland E. Burrell, Jr., on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Sarah received her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. from The University of Notre Dame.

**J. NEAL INSLEY** is Sr. VP, General Counsel for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA). Mr. Insley has worked in the area of beverage alcohol law, legislation and/or policy at the state, national and international level. In the private practice of law, Mr. Insley focused on hospitality and beverage alcohol law and policy, government affairs, administrative law and regulatory/policy issues. He also served as the Chairman of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Va. ABC) and as Chairman of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA). Mr. Insley began his career in law enforcement and held the position of Special Agent with the Va. ABC while attending law school part-time at nights and weekends. Within the beverage alcohol industry, Mr. Insley has served as a regulator, attorney, administrative law judge, and business leader.

**HON. JOHN E. JONES III** commenced his service as a United States District Judge on August 2, 2002. He is the 21st judge to sit in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Jones was appointed to his current position by President George W. Bush in February 2002, and was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on July 30, 2002.

Judge Jones was born and raised in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Mercersburg Academy, Dickinson College, and The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

In 1980 Judge Jones began his legal career as a law clerk to the President Judge of Schuylkill County, the Honorable Guy A. Bowe. Subsequently, he engaged in the private practice of law in Pottsville, Pennsylvania until the time of his elevation to the federal bench.

In November, 1994, Pennsylvania Governor-elect Tom Ridge named Judge Jones as a co-chair of his transition team. Subsequently, in May 1995 Governor Ridge nominated Judge Jones to serve as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

In 2006 Judge Jones received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Dickinson School of Law, as well as an honorary doctorate in law and public policy from Dickinson College, where he was recognized as one of the twenty five most influential graduates in the College's over two hundred and forty year history. In 2009, the College's faculty voted to induct Judge Jones into its Phi Beta Kappa chapter. In 2007 he received an honorary doctorate in law from Muhlenberg College.

In May, 2006 Judge Jones was named by *Time Magazine* as one of its *Time 100*, the one hundred most influential people in the world. Judge Jones has also received a Rave Award for Policy from *Wired Magazine*. In 2006 Judge Jones was the recipient of the first John Marshall Judicial Independence Award, given by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. In 2009 Judge Jones was the recipient of the Geological Society of America's 2009 President's Medal, and in the same year he was inducted into the George Washington Spirit Society.



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In 2005 the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Judge Jones to the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence, and in 2015 he was named co-chair of the Commission by Chief Justice Thomas Saylor.

In 2013 Chief Justice John Roberts appointed Judge Jones to the Committee on Judicial Security, a standing committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

In 2014 Judge Jones was elected to the American Law Institute, the membership of which is limited to 3,000 judges, lawyers and legal scholars from all areas of the United States.

Judge Jones is a member of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, Dickinson College. He also serves as a member of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy.

Judge Jones has presided over a number of noteworthy and high profile cases. In 2003 Judge Jones struck down portions of Shippensburg University's speech code on the basis that they violated the First Amendment's free speech guarantee. In that same year Judge Jones ruled, in a decision later affirmed by the United States Supreme Court, that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's statute assessing milk producers in order to fund advertising, including the Milk Mustache/got milk® campaign did not infringe the free speech rights of the producers. In 2005 Judge Jones presided over the landmark case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover School District*, after which he held that it was unconstitutional to teach intelligent design within a public school science curriculum. In 2006 he ruled that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's ballot access procedures for minor political parties did not violate the Constitution. In 2014 Judge Jones resolved the matter of *Whitewood v. Wolf* by striking down as unconstitutional Pennsylvania's ban on same-sex marriage.

In 2007 Judge Jones and the *Kitzmiller* case were featured in the two-hour Nova special "Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial," televised nationally by PBS. In April 2008 "Judgment Day" won a Peabody Award, which is the oldest and most distinguished honor in electronic media. Judge Jones has also appeared as a guest on national television shows and networks such as Today on NBC, the NewsHour on PBS, C-SPAN's America & The Courts, CNN, Al Jazeera America, and locally on the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

Judge Jones resides in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. He has been married to his wife Beth Ann since 1982. They are the proud parents of daughter Meghan and son John, and delighted grandparents of Carys Bryn Prock and Sophia Elizabeth Prock.

**THOMAS 'TOM' R. KING** was appointed as the Assistant Borough Manager for Public Safety for the State College Borough on September 1, 2016 after serving 35 years with the State College Police Department, the last 23 years as Chief of Police.

In his current role as Assistant Borough Manager, Tom oversees the Office of Community Engagement, Ordinance and Public Health Department, Police Department, and Borough liaison to the Centre Region Emergency Management Agency and Centre Region Code Agency.

Tom was born and raised in Uniontown, Pennsylvania (Fayette County) and in 1980 graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology. Tom is past President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, past President of the Central Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and a life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Tom currently serves as a member of the University Park Campus Community Partnership, which deals with issues related to dangerous drinking, serves as a Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and is a board member for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV).

In State College, Mr. King serves on the following Boards or Committees: Child Advocacy Center of Centre County Board member, State College Area School District's Citizens Advisory Committee on School Safety, State College Food Bank





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Board of Directors, and co-chair of the Community and Campus in Unity, a town/gown group focused on promoting a multi-cultural community that respects and celebrates diversity.

**MARGIE A.S. LEHRMAN** was appointed Executive Director of the American Craft Spirits Association (ACSA) in March 2016, having served in the role of interim Executive Director since August 2015. In January 2019 Margie assumed the title of Chief Executive Office.

ACSA, incorporated in 2013, is the only national non-profit trade group dedicated to elevate and advocate for the community of craft spirits producers.

Before joining ACSA, Margie was a senior attorney at Lehrman Beverage Law, PLLC, a firm that concentrates in the area of beer, wine and spirits law, where she now serves in an Of Counsel capacity. Within the law firm, Margie focuses on alcohol beverage licensing matters in the District of Columbia. Blending regulatory experience with more than 20 years of operational association experience,

Margie worked for 15 plus years for the American Association for Justice (AAJ), formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), a membership organization with then over 50,000 members. As its Chief Operating Officer in her last years there, Margie provided leadership and strategic management to ensure that the organization had the proper operational controls, procedures and policies in place to effectively grow the organization while maintaining financial strength and operating efficiency.

Margie also served as a Program Director for the Pound Civil Justice Institute Annual Judges Forum, creating and delivering content for a judicial legal program which attracted over 100 state court judges from across the United States.

Prior to her career with ATLA/AAJ, Margie worked as an Associate Attorney with Kalijarvi, Chuzi, and Stetina, a boutique employment law firm in the District of Columbia Margie received her J.D. from California Western School of Law in 1986 where she served on the Advocacy Honors Board, as President of the Womens' Bar Association, and was the representative from her law school to the Student Division of the American Bar Association.

Before attending law school, Margie worked for the Foreign Policy Association in New York City where she developed programs for community outreach in the interest area of United States foreign policy. She studied at Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1981 with a joint degree in International Service and Politics.

Margie's love of travel and foreign countries began long ago. While an undergraduate student, she studied at the University of Paris: Sorbonne and was an intern in the House of Lords, British Parliament, for the Chief Opposition Whip. In law school, Margie studied with the Institute of International and Comparative Law in the-then Soviet Union and Poland. Margie has visited each of the 50 states in America, especially loving those with beautiful wineries or distilleries.

In her spare time, Margie enjoys hiking, yoga, cooking, gardening, cycling, attending theatre, and sipping fine wine and creative craft libations.

Margie is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York State and before several courts, both federal and state.

**TOM LISK** is a partner in the Richmond, Virginia office of Cozen O'Connor, where he practices in the areas of administrative law and legislative affairs, with special emphasis on the hospitality industry and the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Over the past thirty-four years, Tom has represented a wide range of restaurants, hotels, amusement and entertainment establishments, as well as many breweries, wineries, distilleries, and wine and beer wholesalers and importers on legal, regulatory and legislative matters. In addition, Tom serves as legislative counsel to



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the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association, representing the Commonwealth's restaurant and lodging industries. Tom was elected by the Virginia Code Commission to chair the Administrative Law Advisory Council and he formerly served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's Licensee newsletter and as Chairman of the ABC's Industry Advisory Panel during its regulatory review process. Tom is a member of the ABA's Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Section Committee on Beverage Alcohol Practice, as well as a member of the National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Attorneys, the National Association of Licensing & Compliance Professionals, and the Alliance of Alcohol Industry Attorneys and Consultants.

Tom has been recognized by Virginia Business magazine as a member of its "Legal Elite" for Lobbying/Regulatory, by Best Lawyers in America for Administrative Law, Gaming Law and Government Relations Law, and by Virginia Super Lawyers for Administrative Law.

**MARGARET C. LU** is the Director & Senior Counsel, Consumer Marketing & Digital at Diageo North America, Inc. At Diageo, Maggie helps various functions of the North America business execute partnerships and digital marketing activations legally and compliantly. She also works with Diageo's global digital and compliance teams to keep abreast of the ever-evolving data privacy laws around the world and to train and support compliance. An IP lawyer by training, Maggie previously held roles as Senior IP Counsel at Diageo North America, and Europe IP Counsel at Diageo Plc in London. Prior to her career at Diageo, she was an Associate at the law firms, Ropes & Gray LLP and Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, and was a law clerk for the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Maggie graduated from Princeton University (many years ago) and obtained her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She currently resides in New York City.

**RYAN MALKIN** focusses on serving the legal needs of the alcohol beverage industry. His firm, Malkin Law, based in Miami Beach, FL, regularly assists alcohol beverage suppliers, wholesalers, and unlicensed third parties in navigating the intricacies of federal and state alcohol beverage laws. Prior to forming Malkin Law, Ryan was an attorney at Pernod Ricard USA and an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan. His passion for the alcohol beverage industry began as a journalist specializing in writing about the alcohol and hospitality industries, with articles appearing in such publications as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Beverage Media*, *The New York Post*, and *Esquire*, to name a few. Ryan is also of counsel to Hoban Law Group, a national cannabis law firm.

**CAROLINE 'CARRIE' MAY** serves as the Assistant Chief Counsel, Field Operations, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). Ms. May joined TTB in June 2008 as an attorney-advisor. From September 2010 until her appointment as Assistant Chief Counsel (Field Operations) in July 2013, Ms. May served as Senior Counsel (Field Operations). In that position, Ms. May was the primary legal advisor to the TTB law enforcement program. The Field Operations Division advises TTB Field Operations management and field offices throughout the country, and provides support to the TTB law enforcement program. The Field Operations Division also represents TTB in administrative permit proceedings (application denials and suspensions, revocations and annulments) and supports the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) in federal district and bankruptcy court proceedings involving TTB tax and permit issues. Prior to joining TTB, Ms. May was a trial attorney with DOJ's Tax Division from 1997 to 1999. In that capacity, she represented the United States in federal district and bankruptcy courts in tax refund and collection matters, subpoena enforcement matters, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act cases, and matters involving the alleged unlawful disclosure of tax return information. Before joining DOJ, Ms. May spent three years as a litigation associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

Ms. May holds a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Louisville and a J.D. from the University of Virginia. She is a member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Bar.



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**VICTORIA 'VICKY' MCDOWELL** serves as the Federal Agency Liaison for NABCA.

Prior to joining NABCA, Vicky was President/CEO of the Presidents' Forum of the Distilled Spirits Industry for eight years. Under her leadership, Presidents' Forum became a national trade association. Membership rose from 10 to 28 companies and represented over half of the distilled spirits sold in the United States.

Before joining Presidents' Forum, Vicky served as the Deputy Administrator of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) of the U. S. Treasury Department. As Deputy Administrator, she oversaw all headquarters' and field operations' functions associated with TTB's excise tax collection and consumer protection responsibilities. Ms. McDowell served as the "Deciding Official" for all tax and administrative actions related to unpaid tax liability and violations of applicable statutes and regulations.

Ms. McDowell has several years' experience directing international programs and consulting to foreign governments on excise taxes and financial management. She co-authored a guidebook on the successful introduction of a specific excise tax on alcohol beverages and has lectured on beverage alcohol regulation.

**ROBERT 'ROB' A. MELLION, ESQ.** is the Executive Director and General Counsel at the Massachusetts Package Stores Association (MPSA). MPSA is the state trade association representing the interests of approximately 2000 independently owned off-premise retailers of beer, wine and spirits across Massachusetts. In serving as chief executive, general counsel and lobbyist, Robert Mellion supervises industry relations, state and federal government affairs, industry legislation, and legal matters within applicable agencies, the Courts of Massachusetts and the Federal Courts. Robert is also the chief administrator of the Beverage Alcohol Training certification program provided through MPSA to off-premise retailers of beverage alcohol throughout Massachusetts. He additionally serves on numerous boards and groups including the Mass Retail Merchants Workers Compensation Insurance Group, which is the largest private workers compensation insurance group in the country. Robert also serves on the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council to the Alcohol Beverages Licensees (ABL), the national association representing independent retailers of alcohol beverages.

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Her has served on the Board of Directors for the Sandler Center Foundation (2009-2014; Executive Committee 2012-2018); the Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc (2006-2007); and the Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia (1998-2002). He has also been a member of the Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC) Citizen Advisory Panel (2005), ULI Advisory Panel Member for Loudoun County (2005), Virginia Beach Visions (2002-2015), Large Retail Task Force for the Virginia Beach City Council (2002), Urban Land Institute (1990-2015), and Association of Defense Communities (2009-2014); in addition to being the former Assistant City Attorney of Virginia Beach (1979-1984).

Mr. Nutter has also been recognized for his extensive advocacy and charitable work. He has been named in Best Lawyers as "Land Use Lawyer of the Year" for Norfolk area 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019; selected for inclusion in the May/June 2010 Law & Politics' Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition; recognized in Virginia Business magazine's "Legal Elite" in Real Estate/Construction (2004) and Real Estate/Land Use (2007-2018); named to the 2006 Super Lawyers list in Real Estate/Eminent Domain Law and the 2007-2018 lists for Land Use & Zoning; and recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for Land Use & Zoning Law, Litigation - Land Use & Zoning, and Real Estate Law in the (2007-2019).



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Mr. Nutter was the Featured Speaker at the 2018 ODU - E.V. Williams Center for Real Estate on Public Private Partnerships and the 2015 Annual Meeting of Virginia Zoning Officials on the Cavalier Hotel. He has also made multiple presentations at the Association of Defense Communities Annual Conference, Norfolk, Virginia on Post-Brac/Joint Land Use Study Implementation. American Planning Association, the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Association of Zoning Officials and for CLE accreditation for attorneys, Local Government Attorneys Association in areas of Land Use Law and Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Boards.

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**MARTIN PREVOST** began as a municipal police officer with the Department of Liquor Control in 1999, where he served for 12 years. At that time, he was hired as a Liquor Investigator and assigned to the central area of the state where he was responsible for regulatory and criminal investigations. In 2008, after a restructuring of the Department, Martin was assigned to the newly created Licensing Division. In 2012 Martin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and took over supervision of the Licensing Division. In April 2018, due to mandatory retirement requirements, Martin retired his law enforcement position and was appointed to the position of Director of Licensing. In July of 2018, the department of Liquor Control merged with the Lottery Commission to become the Department of Liquor and Lottery. Martin continues to work for the now Division of Liquor Control within the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery.

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In addition, Ms. Pierre has represented a broad variety of corporate defendants in consumer class actions and complex litigation arising from alleged consumer privacy violations and allegations of data misuse.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Ms. Pierre focused her practice on defending some of the most prominent insurers and administrators of life, health, disability and annuity policies, in all forms of group and individual policy litigation. Ms. Pierre has experience defending insurers in disputes over policy coverage, lapsed policies and death benefit payments. Ms. Pierre also managed a nationwide portfolio of interpleader actions and litigation involving multistate slayer rules.

**TERI L. QUIMBY**, Commissioner, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, was appointed by the Governor in 2011 and is responsible for licensing, enforcement, spirits purchasing and distribution, as well as hearings and appeals. She is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Illinois, is certified as a mediator, and serves as 1st Vice-President for the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators. In 2017 she received the Best Practices Award for Extraordinary



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Innovation, Dedication and Leadership from the National Association of Licensing Compliance Professionals and was named by Crain's Business Detroit as one of Michigan's Most Notable Woman Lawyers.

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The Sazerac Company is a leading spirits supplier and owner of many of the industry's most venerable distilling companies, such as Buffalo Trace Distillery, and brands, like Fireball, Southern Comfort and Buffalo Trace.

**DETECTIVE RISA WILLIAMS** completed AZPOST certification in 2007, and served in local jurisdictions prior to joining the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control in 2012. During her tenure, she has served in various roles as a field investigator in the Tucson and Phoenix offices, coordinator for the CUB (Covert Underage Buyer) program, and program coordinator for a statewide youth alcohol program funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Detective Williams' contributions include working with community coalitions and playing a vital role in preventing the sale of alcohol to underage individuals. Currently, Detective Williams coordinates the training and trade practice unit. This unit specializes in working with wholesalers, suppliers, and their employees to ensure compliance with Arizona liquor laws and regulations.

**STANLEY 'STAN' J. WOLOWSKI** received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1980 and his B.A. in Economics from Dickinson College in 1977.

He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1980. He is a member of the Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

He began his legal career in Mercer County (PA) representing indigent defendants in criminal cases upon graduating in 1980. Four years later, he joined the Pittsburgh law firm of Rothman Gordon Foreman & Groudine as an associate in the litigation department. In 1988, he joined the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement as head of the Pittsburgh legal office. As lead prosecutor for the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement for Western Pennsylvania, he prosecuted thousands of liquor code enforcement cases before Administrative Law Judges for the Liquor Control Board, Pennsylvania courts of common pleas, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He also argued a Liquor Code enforcement matter before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Wolowski is a partner at Flaherty & O'Hara, and he handles all types of liquor license enforcement cases and liquor licensing matters, with an emphasis on multi-state transactions, licensing hearings, marketing compliance and litigation.