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## **Bennett Glazer of Glazer's, Inc., is 2012 ABL Top Shelf Honoree**

*Award will be presented in June at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ABL Convention in Las Vegas*

**Bethesda, MD – January 13, 2012** – American Beverage Licensees (ABL) announced today that Bennett Glazer, CEO of Glazer's, Inc., has been selected as the 2012 ABL Top Shelf Award honoree. Mr. Glazer oversees one of the country's largest distributors of beverage alcohol products, Glazer's Distributors.

The ABL Top Shelf Award recognizes those members of the beverage alcohol industry who have demonstrated excellence over their career and have a successful history of positive influence on their communities. The award will be presented to Mr. Glazer at the 10th Annual ABL Convention on June 12, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"We are delighted to honor Bennett Glazer with the 2012 Top Shelf Award," said John Bodnovich, ABL's Executive Director. "As a strong supporter of the three-tier system, we appreciate Glazer's dedication to working with retailers to effectively serve customers. Their commitment to corporate responsibility and community involvement reflects the best of our great industry."



*Bennett Glazer*

As the CEO of one of the largest wine and spirits distributors in the country, Mr. Glazer cultivates vendor relationships, new business development and formulates company strategy. Glazer's is a thirteen-state distributor in the Midwest and Southwest U.S., with over 6,000 employees, 900 beverage suppliers, and over 30,000 customers. The firm is an industry leader in supply chain management, category management, and educating its employees and customers on how to grow the beverage category. With revenues of \$3 billion, Glazer's has over 40 branch operations in its thirteen states.

Like many of America's independent beverage retailers, Glazer's is a multi-generational, family-owned business. Originally founded by Mr. Glazer's grandparents as a soda company, Glazer's expanded to include beverage alcohol at the repeal of prohibition.

"The industry has been good to our family and good to our employees, and we consider the people in the industry to be a part of our family. The relationships we have built, and the friends we have made, they are what we appreciate the most," said Glazer on how the family business has grown.

In addition to his more than 30 year career in the beverage alcohol industry, Mr. Glazer has distinguished himself as a leader in his community through his consistent support of the Dallas community through charitable giving and support for local and national organizations, including Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society and the Junior League of Dallas.

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Mr. Glazer is part of the 3rd generation of his family to lead the Glazer’s company. He is the son of Nolan and Frances Glazer, and became the 4th family member to assume the CEO role in 1996. He has been a longtime member of the board of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA), and received their Lifetime Leadership Award in 2006. In 2007, Glazer also received the George Washington Spirits Society Award.

For those who wish to join in honoring Mr. Glazer and for more information about the ABL Top Shelf Award Banquet and 2012 ABL Convention, which will be held June 10-12, 2012 at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, please visit [www.ablusa.org](http://www.ablusa.org).

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