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ABL Honors 18 Beverage Retailers at Annual Meeting

Brown-Forman Retailers of the Year Recognized for Their Continued Commitment to the Beverage Alcohol Industry

Bethesda, MD – April 7, 2017 – Eighteen beverage licensees from across the United States were recognized as *Brown-Forman Retailers of the Year* at the 2017 ABL Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Nominated by their state beverage associations for their success and dedication to the beverage alcohol industry, these business owners were honored in a ceremony at the ABL Honors Gala on March 27, 2017.

For more than two decades, the *Brown-Forman Retailer of the Year* awards have celebrated independent retail beverage business owners who engage in responsible sales and service of beverage alcohol, and who are committed to their state beverage associations. ABL congratulates all of the honored businesses and licensees for their outstanding and continued contributions to the industry and their communities.

“Independent beverage retailers support a dynamic and spirited industry, while also promoting and encouraging the responsible sale and enjoyment of beer, wine and spirits,” said ABL Executive Director John Bodnovich. “It is in this spirit that they are recognized with this award before their industry peers and held up as examples of success.”

Brown-Forman, one of the world’s leading distilled spirits producers, has remained a steadfast sponsor of the awards, recognizing the importance of vibrant independent alcohol retailers, and continuing their support of those who are the last to handle beverage products before they reach the hands of consumers. In attendance to present awards to this year’s recipients was Michael Rasp, Brown-Forman’s Nevada State Manager.

“We are grateful to work with Brown-Forman in honoring responsible beverage retailers across the country,” Bodnovich added.



Pictured Left-to-Right: Bill Asbury | Mark A. Brown | James F. Castellani | Richard R. Laczkowski | Mike Scheuerman | Carolyn Joy | Michael Rasp (Brown-Forman) | Debbie Mayfield | Mike Maro | Sean Barry | Mike Harris | Neil Caftisch | John Cutter | Mickey Daniel

The 2017 Brown-Forman Retailers of the Year Include:

John Cutter & Mickey Daniel
Windmill Beverages
Athens, AL

Dan Grider
Sky Bar
Auburn, AL

Carolyn Joy
Joy Wine and Spirits
Denver, CO

Mark A. Brown
The Wine Shop at Parkaire
Marietta, GA

Wesley Morgan
Liquor World
Richmond, KY

Richard R. Laczowski
McSki's Place
Watseka, IL

Don Rix
Big Red Liquors
Indianapolis, IN

Mike Scheuerman
Friendship Wine & Liquor
Abingdon, MD

Mike Harris
Harris Crab House
Chester, MD

Sean Barry
Four Seasons Wine & Liquor
Hadley, MA

Victor Pittman
Silver Leaf Wines and Spirits
Madison, MS

Bill Asbury
Buck Eye Bar
Bridger, MT

Mike Maro
Maro Brothers
Hainesport, NJ

James F. Castellani
The Wine & Liquor Outlet
Lockport, NY

Debbie Mayfield
Bergheim Cellars
Boerne, TX

Neil Cafilisch
Square Tavern
Baraboo, WI

Brian "Alf" Grzegorzcyk
Alf's Pub & Package Liquor
Cheyenne, WY

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About American Beverage Licensees: ABL is the preeminent national trade association for beverage alcohol retailers. Direct retail beverage alcohol sales in the United States generate as many as 1.94 million well-paying jobs. ABL's thousands of on-premise and off-premise licensee members are independent and often family-owned establishments. The beverage retailing industry pays over \$25.3 billion in federal taxes and \$18.36 billion in state and local taxes. To learn more about ABL, visit www.ablusa.org.

About Brown-Forman: For more than 145 years, Brown-Forman Corporation has enriched the experience of life by responsibly building fine quality beverage alcohol brands, including Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey, Jack Daniel's & Cola, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire, Gentleman Jack, Jack Daniel's Single Barrel, Finlandia, Korbel, el Jimador, Woodford Reserve, Old Forester, Canadian Mist, Herradura, New Mix, Sonoma-Cutrer, Early Times, Chambord, BenRiach, The GlenDronach and Glenglassaugh. Brown-Forman's brands are supported by nearly 4,600 employees and sold in approximately 160 countries worldwide. For more information about the company, please visit www.brown-forman.com. Brown-Forman reminds you to please drink responsibly.