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MEETINGS & EVENTS

[October 14-17 – TLW 84th Annual Fall Convention | Green Bay, WI](#)

[October 15 – NYSLA 10th Annual Buffalo Holiday Trade Show | Buffalo, NY](#)

[October 21-23 – ABL Fall Board Meeting & Industry Meetings | Washington, DC](#)

[March 29-30 – 2020 ABL Annual Meeting](#)

[April 29 – ILBA Lobby Day | Springfield, IL](#)

[June 1 – ILBA Annual Golf Outing | Springfield, IL](#)

[September 13-15 – ILBA 135th Annual Convention | Effingham, IL](#)

ABL & PUBLIC POLICY NEWS:

[Domino's Pizza Was Just Dealt SCOTUS Blow That Could Reshape the ADA in the Digital Era](#)

The Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal from Domino's Pizza Monday after a federal appellate court ruled that a blind customer can sue the chain under the Americans with Disabilities Act after he couldn't fully use its website through screen-reading software.

[Low Inflation? Nothing to Worry About, Fed's George Says](#)

Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank President Esther George on Sunday rejected the notion that the U.S. central bank should cut interest rates to try to boost low inflation, which she said is largely a result of global forces that U.S. monetary policy can do little to counter.

[Trump's Booze Tariffs May Cause Extended Hangover](#)

Donald Trump's booze tariffs could have been worse for Europe's distillers. Makers of Scotch whisky and French wine were among the victims when the famously teetotal U.S. president slapped tariffs on European imports worth \$7.5 billion on Wednesday.

[Global Music Rights Points Its Guns at Another Radio Giant: Entravision](#)

GMR has filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against Entravision Communications, which runs a

[Study Reveals Surprising Link Between DUI Convictions and Domestic Violence Involving Guns](#)

Regulating firearm ownership for at-risk individuals, such as those with a prior felony or domestic violence convictions, is already written into federal law.

Five Labor Issues to Watch: Legal developments on a wide range of issues, including natural-hair discrimination, worker use of recreational marijuana and predictive scheduling, are creating new minefields for restaurant employers, an employment law expert outlined recently.

[Teenage Drunk Driving Worst in Arkansas, Louisiana as Study Links Road Fatalities to Student Tiplers](#)

The National Minimum Legal Drinking Act, 1984, mandates that one has to be 21 years of age in the US to consume alcohol.

[Grocery Bills Will 'Significantly Go Up' with New EU Tariffs, Experts Say](#)

The slew of new tariffs on European goods set to take effect later this month could mean your grocery or restaurant bill might see a sharp increase just as the holiday season approaches.

[Winery Websites at the Heart of Lawsuits Over ADA Compliance Online](#)

As e-commerce booms, a winery's website might

collection of Spanish-language radio stations throughout the United States.

be expected to provide a virtual experience that mirrors an in-person one - and now that applies to installing ADA compliant features.

INDUSTRY NEWS:

Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau (TTB): [TTB Newsletter – Weekly News \(October 11\)](#)

Brewers Association: [First Look at New On-Premise Sales Price Data](#)

IWSR: [The New Tariff Age](#)

Shanken News Daily: [Impact Databank Projects U.S. Spirits Market to Rise for 24th Consecutive Year](#)

Shanken News Daily: [Constellation Sharpens Focus on Core Wine and Spirits Brands](#)

Shanken News Daily: [Constellation CFO David Klein Named Chairman Of Canopy Growth](#)

NACS: [Retail Customers Worry About Data Privacy](#)

Nation's Restaurant News: [Off-Premise Orders Reach About 60% of Foodservice Occasions](#)

Wine & Spirits Daily: [Delayed Gallo Deal Weighs Down Constellation's Wine and Spirits Biz](#)

CANNABIS NEWS:

[Another First for the Pot Industry: A Licensed Cannabis Restaurant](#): Cannabis edibles are a galcrowing segment of the market and are expected to reach \$4.1 billion in 2022, combining Canadian and U.S. sales. In 2017, that figure was just \$1 billion among the two countries.

[Marijuana Legalization Poses a Massive Threat to This Industry](#): If you were asked to predict which industry would suffer more from the legalization of recreational marijuana, the alcohol industry or the tobacco industry, which would you choose?

[Canopy Growth Announces New Chair of the Board of Directors](#): Canopy Growth Corporation is pleased to announce that David Klein has been appointed Chair of its Board of Directors effective immediately.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT:



**America's Beer
Distributors**

The [National Beer Wholesalers Association](#) strives to provide leadership which enhances the independent beer distribution industry; to advocate before government and the public; to encourage the responsible consumption of alcohol; and to provide programs and services that will benefit its members.

America's 3,000 independent beer distribution facilities are local businesses that operate in every state and congressional district across the United States. They provide 141,000 solid jobs with good benefits to people who live in their communities.

STATE & LOCAL NEWS:

[Alaska: Alcohol Board Initiates Process to Remove Director](#)

The Alcohol Beverage Control Board Thursday unanimously voted to remove Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office Director Erika McConnell, but this change still requires an affirming vote from the Marijuana Control Board.

[District of Columbia: Liquor Law Violations Fall by More Than 50% After Reporting Policy Changes](#)

Liquor law violations on campus have plummeted by more than 50 percent since last year – a decrease officials attributed to the introduction of a more lenient alcohol policy.

[Illinois: New Report Ranks State as the Least Tax-Friendly](#)

Illinois is the "least tax-friendly" state in the nation, according to a new report from business and economic forecasting publisher Kiplinger. The state's economic woes and property taxes were major factors in the ranking.

[Massachusetts: Governor Pushes for Impaired Driving Legislation](#)

The state's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) is advancing plans to allow social consumption cannabis lounges in the state, but Gov. Charlie Baker is urging lawmakers to take up legislation on impaired driving before allowing the lounges to become a reality.

[Michigan: Law Enforcement Agencies Start Using Roadside Drug Testing Equipment](#)

More than 50 law enforcement agencies across the state are testing roadside drug detection equipment. It's phase two of testing for this specific oral swab.

[Oregon: State's Flavored Vape Ban Could Start by the End of the Week](#)

The two Oregon agencies charged with setting up rules to ban flavored vaping products said they'll be ready by the end of the week.

[Oregon: The Bottle Bill and Redemption Centers](#)

With the passage of Senate Bill 247, effective September 29, 2019, all hard seltzers and kombuchas are included in the Bottle Bill and have an Oregon 10-cent refund value if in metal, glass, or plastic bottles or cans in sizes 3 liters or less.

[Texas: TABC Back-to-School Undercover Operations Catch 145 Retailers Selling Alcohol to Minors](#)

A statewide effort by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to enforce Texas' underage drinking laws found that eight percent of the more than 1,800 retailers visited in the operation sold alcohol to a minor.

[Texas: Robstown Bar Sued Over Unlicensed Music](#)

The music licensing company BMI has filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against The Location Bar and Lounge in Robstown for allowing music to be played there for which the bar owners don't have a music license.

[Virginia: National Distributor Fined for Violation of Virginia Wholesale Distribution Laws](#)

Johnson Brothers Liquor Company, one of the nation's largest wine, spirits and beer distributors, agreed to pay \$51,300 as part of a settlement agreement with the Virginia ABC, which determined after an eight-month investigation that the distributor had violated several of Virginia's alcoholic beverage distribution laws.

New York: SLA Eyes Hefty Fees Charged by GrubHub, DoorDash and Others: The New York State Liquor Authority on Monday weighed new rules that could significantly curb fees that food-delivery companies such as GrubHub, Uber Eats and DoorDash can charge.

BUSINESS & LIFESTYLE NEWS:

A Juicy TV Drama About the Anheuser-Busch Family Is Brewing: Forget "Succession," "The Crown" and "The Sopranos" - the latest family dynasty drama will be about the Anheuser-Busch family. Called "Under the Influence" and based on an "unauthorized" 1991 book of the same name, the show will chronicle five generations of the family known for Budweiser beer, among other products.

Fake Luxury Liquor Trend Causes Company to Take Security Up a Notch: Luxury Colombian rum Dictador, which just came available this month, features some pretty intense security elements, including fingerprint technology.

Retailers, Restaurants Tap into a Powerful Resource That's in Their Employees' Own Pockets: Mobile devices are a mainstay at many restaurants, grocery stores and other retailers where employees use apps for tasks that can include scheduling, training and inventory.

Four Loko Continues to Wreak Havoc Among Young Drinkers: Supersized alcopops pose unique risks to young drinkers, despite new serving size labels mandated by the Federal Trade Commission. Two new studies led by Dr. Matthew Rossheim at George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services examine the issue.

Despite Extreme Weather, 2019 Is a "Perfect Storm" Vintage for Wine: On Sept. 20, pickers for Sonoma's Kistler Vineyards headed out to chardonnay vineyards at 2 a.m., their headlamps lighting the way. Night harvesting when it's cool maintains acidity in the grapes, which gives the winery's cult whites zing and verve.