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SLA'S FREE TRAINING SEMINAR IN BUFFALO A SUCCESS

SLA, Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association Provide Training to a Packed House at Buffalo State College for Restaurant, Bar, and Tavern Owners

BUFFALO, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association (ESRTA) conducted a free compliance training seminar for nearly 200 restaurant, bar and tavern owners at Buffalo State College on January 14, 2009. Scott Wexler, Executive Director of ESRTA, provided instruction entitled “the ABC’s of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law.” The three hour training provided licensees guidance on complying with the Alcoholic Beverage Control law, as well as SLA regulations and policies. In addition, staff from the SLA were on hand to field questions from the audience as well as work with individual licensees following the training. The “ABC’s of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law” program was developed by the ESRTA with the assistance of the SLA to help ensure restaurant and bar owners have the information they need to comply with the law.

“As education and training is the key to achieving compliance, I want to thank all of our licensees who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend this important seminar,” said SLA Chairman Daniel B. Boyle. “I also want to remind licensees to reach out to our office with any questions or concerns they may have. The SLA remains committed to helping licensees understand what is expected of them under the law.”

"I applaud the SLA and ESRTA for taking the necessary time to engage western New York license holders to ensure proper education and understanding of SLA's regulations," said Senator Antoine M. Thompson. "I believe all licensees will benefit from the clarity provided."

“I want to thank the ESRTA and the staff of the SLA who organized the training; I know that it will be invaluable to all the business owners who attended,” said Assemblyman Sam Hoyt. “I was pleased to see such a full-house and am confident that it will help those who attended navigate the various regulations and policies associated with holding a New York State liquor license. This knowledge will help license holders develop and maintain successful businesses, which are so important to the local economy.”

“Licensees appreciate the State Liquor Authority’s efforts to help them understand the complex rules under which they must operate their business,” said Scott Wexler, Executive Director of ESRTA. “This program provided valuable guidance and assistance to those who attended and will go a long way towards gaining increased compliance with the law. That’s good for the business and owners and for the public at large.”

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and

localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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**Assemblyman Sam Hoyt Introduces
Deputy Commissioner Mary Jo Lattimore-Young**



**ESRTA Executive Director Scot Wexler
Opens Training Seminar**



Wholesale Director Bob Benedetto Fields Questions



**Wholesale Director Benedetto,
Governor Paterson's Regional Director Janique Curry
and Deputy Commissioner Lattimore-Young**



Senator Antoine Thompson Delivers Closing Remarks



Director Benedetto Answers Licensee's Questions



ESRTA Executive Director Scott Wexler and Licensees



Deputy Commissioner Lattimore-Young Assists Licensees