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**BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS TURNOUT FOR FREE COMPLIANCE TRAINING
SLA, Albany District Attorney, and Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association Provide Free
Training to Capital District Licensees**

ALBANY, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority, the Albany DA’s Office and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association (ESRTA) conducted free compliance training for nearly 200 restaurant, bar and tavern owners at the Palace Theater in Albany on February 11, 2009. Scott Wexler, Executive Director of ESRTA, provided instruction entitled “the ABC’s of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law.”

The training provided licensees guidance on complying with the Alcoholic Beverage Control law, and included presentations by the Department of Motor Vehicles on valid driver’s licenses and the New York Department of State on regulations concerning the hiring of security staff. In addition, staff from the SLA were on hand to field questions from the audience as well as work with individual licensees immediately following the training. The “ABC’s” 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 a former police officer and chief of police, I have witnessed firsthand the tragic consequences that far too often result from the irresponsible use of alcohol. These unfortunate outcomes are preventable, and prevention starts with proper education and training,” said SLA Chairman Daniel B. Boyle. “I want to thank all of our licensees who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend today’s training and reiterate the SLA’s continued commitment to continue working with licensees to ensure they know what is expected of them.”

“The consumption of alcohol continues to play a role in many of the most avoidable and preventable cases presented to my office, from assaults to muggings to DWI. Everyone here today shares the tremendous responsibility of ensuring that those consuming alcohol, and those serving alcohol, are doing so lawfully and responsibly. I am thrilled by the success of this training and look forward to working with our new partners, the owners and managers here today, to ensure the safety of our citizens,” commented DA Soares.

“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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