October 27, 2015

Mary A. Monahan
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VIA E-MAIL

RE: Home for the Holidays Sweepstakes

Dear Ms. Monahan:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail and letter of October 15, 2015, in which you request legal review of a proposed sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania, sponsored by Excelsior Wine and Spirits.

According to the official rules you provided, the "Frontera 'Home for the Holidays' Sweepstakes" promotion is scheduled to run from November 1 through December 15, 2015. Consumers may participate online via Facebook. One entrant will be randomly selected to receive the grand prize of a check in the amount of $1,000.00. The promotion is open only to adults of legal drinking age, and no purchase is necessary to enter.

OPINION**:** Section 5.32(h) of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's ("Board") Regulations states that a manufacturer or licensee may sponsor sweepstakes promotions subject to the following conditions:

i. No purchase is necessary to enter.
ii. Entrants shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
iii. Retail licensed premises may only be involved as pick-up or drop-off points for entry forms and not for the conducting of drawings or the awarding of prizes.
iv. Alcoholic beverages may not be part of the prize.

[40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)].

This office has reviewed the promotion and determined that it comports with applicable liquor laws and regulations, specifically section 493(24)(i) of the Liquor Code and section 5.32(h) of the Board's Regulations [47 P.S. § 4-493(24)(i); 40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)].

Therefore, it would be permissible to conduct this promotion in the Commonwealth in reference to the areas checked below:

___ retail licensed premises.

___ distributor licensed premises.

___ both retail and distributor licensed premises.

_X_ the Board's wine and spirit stores, subject to approval of the Bureau of Product Selection.

_X_ other – Internet, text messaging.

THIS OPINION APPLIES ONLY TO THE FACTUAL SITUATION DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DOES NOT INSULATE THE LICENSEE OR OTHERS FROM CONSEQUENCES OF CONDUCT OCCURRING PRIOR TO ITS ISSUANCE. THE PROPRIETY OF THE PROPOSED CONDUCT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED ONLY UNDER THE LIQUOR CODE AND REGULATIONS. THE LAWS AND POLICIES ON WHICH THIS OPINION IS BASED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

Very truly yours,

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