

Keller and Heckman E-Vapor and Tobacco Law Symposium

All designated session times are in the Pacific Time (PT) Zone.

Day 1 – Monday, January 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Updates from FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products

Keynote Speaker: Brian King, Ph.D., MPH, Director, Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

- Overview of Tobacco Use in the U.S.
- CTP’s Role in Tobacco Product Regulation
- Updates on CTP’s Key Programmatic Areas
- Progress on the Center’s Strategic Goals and Priorities

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Expert Reactor Panel

Moderated by Azim Chowdhury, Partner, Keller and Heckman

Expert Panelists:

- Cliff Douglas, President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Action to End Smoking
- Lillian Ortega, Former Director, FDA CTP Division of Enforcement and Manufacturing; Regulatory Consultant, Chemular

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Networking Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FDA Compliance & Enforcement Update: What’s Next

Azim Chowdhury, Partner, Keller and Heckman

- What Happened in 2024 and Beyond: Post-Election Expectations
- PMTA & MRTP Authorization Update: What Does FDA Consider APPH?
- Tobacco Flavor Benchmark and the Fatal Flaw Analysis: Will FDA Ever Authorize a Non-Tobacco Flavored ENDS Product?
- Regulation of Nicotine Pouches and other MONPs
- Federal Enforcement Joint Task Force – How to Prepare
- Update on FDA Enforcement Actions and Strategies for Compliance: Warning Letters, Import Alerts and Civil Money Penalties
- Challenging PMTA Denials and Refusals
- Nicotine Alternatives/Analogues – Legal Considerations
- NYTS Latest Results and Potential Policy Impact
- Upcoming Product Standards and FDA Proposed Rules

11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Litigation Update: Status of Appeals, Flavor Bans, and New Challenges

Eric Gotting, Partner, Keller and Heckman

- Update on Supreme Court PMTA MDO Cases: *Wages & RJ Reynolds*
- Impact of S. Ct Decision in *Loper* to Overturn *Chevron* Deference
- State Enforcement – New York Subpoena to Vapor Companies
- Challenging FDA Civil Money Penalties: Impact of *SEC v. Jarkesy* S. Ct Decision

11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Substantial Equivalence Reports and SE Exemptions

Kathryn Skaggs, Partner, Keller and Heckman

- Overview of Substantial Equivalence (SE) and SE Exemption (EX REQ) Pathways
- FDA's SE Report Final Rule & Authorization Update
- SE Exemptions – New Pathway for Flavors
- Considerations for Hookah, Pipe, and RYO Tobacco Products

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch, provided by Keller and Heckman

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Update on Cigars and Cigarettes

Daniel McGee, Counsel, Keller and Heckman

- FDA Status of Premium Cigars – Litigation Update
- Update on Menthol Cigarette and Flavored Cigar Ban
- Cigarette Graphic Warning Litigation

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act Update

Guest Speaker: Dov Seewald, Principal, Tobacco Vapor Cannabis Group

- Best Practices for Implementing a PACT Compliant Program
- Review of Core Compliance Obligations
 - o Registration & Monthly Reporting
 - o Delivery Seller Obligations
 - o Licensing & Excise Tax Obligations
- USPS/Shipping Restrictions
- Third-Party Compliance Vendors
- Applicability to New/Innovative Products
- Enforcement Update: What to Expect
- NYC, California and ITC PACT Act Litigation Against ENDS Companies

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Networking Break

3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

State Law Update: ENDS and Nicotine Products

Taylor Johnson, Associate, Keller and Heckman

Guest Speaker: Chris Roy, Excise Tax Subject Matter Expert, IGEN

- Update on State and Local Flavor Bans, Synthetic Nicotine Bans, and Other Restrictions
- PMTA Directory Law Update
- State Regulation of Oral Nicotine Products
- State Licensing & Excise Tax Requirements

4:10 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

California Update

Rohit Sabnis, Partner, Keller and Heckman San Francisco Office

- Flavor Ban Update: Retailers and Online Sellers – New Legislation
- Update on State and Local Enforcement
- State Litigation on ENDS and Oral Nicotine Products

4:55 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Requirements for Tobacco and Nicotine Products

Kathryn Skaggs, Partner, Keller and Heckman

- What is EPR?
- Overview of Enacted Legislation
- Who's Responsible in the Tobacco and Nicotine Industries

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Networking Happy Hour

7:00 p.m.

Symposium Adjourns for the Day

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Day 2 – Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Cannabis, Hemp, and THC Panel: 2024 and Beyond

Moderated by Azim Chowdhury, Partner, Keller and Heckman

Expert Panelists:

- Daniel McGee, Counsel, Keller and Heckman
- Roxana Weil, Ph.D., DABT, Advisor, McKinney Regulatory Science Advisors, LLC
- Tami Wahl, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Modern Advocates

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

European Union and Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) Update

David Ettinger, Partner, Keller and Heckman Shanghai Office

Ales Bartl, Partner, Keller and Heckman Brussels Office

- Pre-Market Obligations Before Placing E-Vapor, Oral Pouches, and Tobacco Products on the EU Market
- Upcoming Challenges including Bans of Flavors and Disposables
- Update on UK Regulations

10:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practice (TPMP) Proposed Rule

Neelam Gill, Counsel, Keller and Heckman

- Overview of TPMP Rule and Current Status
- Impact on PMTAs
- FDA Inspections of Manufacturing Establishments & Remote Regulatory Assessments (RRAs) During PMTA Review – What You Will Need to Comply
- Tips for Preparation and Compliance
- Challenges and the Road Ahead

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Tobacco and Vapor Litigation Before the U.S. International Trade Commission

Guest Speaker: Matthew Duescher, Foster, Murphy, Altman & Nickel, PC

- Introduction to the U.S. International Trade Commission
- Why Companies Sue at the ITC
- Discussion of Injunctive Remedies Available at the ITC
- Overview of Recent Tobacco and Vapor Litigation at the ITC

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Innovations in Age-Verification Technology

Guest Speaker: Martin Steinbauer, Sky X Group

- Point of Sale Technologies: Technologies for Retailers to Verify Age and Prevent Underage Sales
- Social Sharing Prevention Technologies: Technologies for Manufacturers to Limit Youth Exposure and Sharing of Nicotine Products
- Track and Trace Technologies: Technologies for Governments to Ensure Youth Access Prevention, Counterfeiting Prevention, and Taxation Compliance

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch, provided by Keller and Heckman

1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Import Requirements for E-Cigarette and Related Products

Guest Speaker: Peter Quinter, U.S. Customs and International Trade Attorney, Gunster

- Declaration and Entry Process to CBP
- Tariff Classification of Vape Products and Parts
- Examination and Detention Process by CBP
- Relationship Between FDA and CBP Import Requirements
 - o Misbranding by FDA
 - o Premarket Authorization by FDA for ENDS Products
- Seizure and Petition Process by CBP
- What is “Drug Paraphernalia” Under Federal Law

2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

A Behavioral Research Program Assessing Benefits to Adults to Smoke and Risks to Youth from BREEZE PRO Disposable ENDS in Five Flavor Variants

Guest Speaker: Christopher Russell, Ph.D., Director, Russell Burnett Research & Consultancy Ltd.

- Evidence from Five Studies of U.S. Legal Age Adults and Youth
- Comparative Efficacy of Four Non-tobacco Flavor Variants Versus One Tobacco Flavor Variant for Cigarette Abstinence, Reduction, and Product Switching Over Time Within a Randomized Trial
- Behavioral Intentions and Risk Perceptions of BREEZE PRO Flavor Variants Among U.S. Legal Age Adults
- Label Comprehension and Product Usability
- Nicotine Uptake, Subjective Effects, and Puff Topography
- Prevalence of Youth Use in 2024

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Networking Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

PMTA Considerations for Oral Nicotine Pouches

Guest Speaker: Jessica Zdinak, Ph.D., Applied Research and Analysis Company LLC

- PMTA ABC’s: Key Analytical, Behavioral and Clinical Study Requirements
- Importance of Establishing Global and U.S.-Based Standards in the Novel Oral Nicotine Space
- Critical Youth-Access Prevention Measures to Avoid a Future Youth “Epidemic”

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Nicotine Analogs: Due Diligence Considerations

Guest Speaker: Willie J. McKinney, Ph.D., DABT, McKinney Regulatory Science Advisors, LLC

- Relevance, Mechanism and Implications of Nicotine Analogs
- What are “Nicotine Analogs”?
- Safety and Side Effects
- Therapeutic Applications
- Ethical and Regulatory Considerations

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

China, Canada, and Global Regulation Update

Eric Gu, Senior Regulatory Counselor, Keller and Heckman Shanghai Office

LieAnn Van-Tull, Associate, Keller and Heckman

- Requirements Under Tobacco Vaping Products Act and Quebec Tobacco Control Act
- Health Canada Ingredient Submission Reporting Process
- Regulation of Oral Nicotine Products in Canada
- E-Cigarette Regulations in China
 - o Management Rules and GB Standard on E-Cigarettes
 - o Overview of Licensing, Registration, and Testing Requirements
 - o Requirements for Export-Only vs. Domestic Products
- Updates on Other Regions
 - o Middle East
 - o East Asia (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan)
 - o ASEAN countries
 - o Australia & New Zealand

5:30 p.m.

Symposium Adjourns