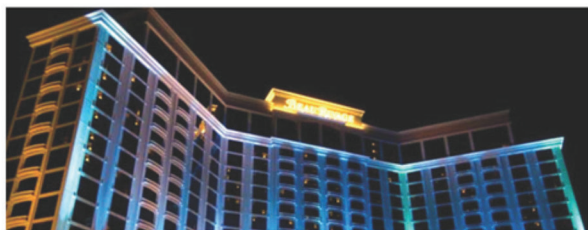


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## INVITED LEGISLATORS

Representative Mike Jones was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives on November 2, 2010.



Prior to that, he served on the Andalusia City Council from 2000 to 2008, and served as mayor pro-tem from 2004 to 2008.

Representative Jones holds a B.S. Degree with Honors from Birmingham Southern University and a Law Degree from the University of Alabama.

He is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association and Andalusia Chamber of Commerce and is a member of a number of community and civic organizations including Andalusia Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Alabama Easter Seals, and the National Rifle Association.

Representative Jones is married to Kathy Harper Jones and they are the parents of two daughters; Olivia and Sophia. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Andalusia.

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Representative David Sessions was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in a special election held on May 10, 2011.

He graduated from Mobile County High School in 1978 and is a farmer and co-owner of Sessions Farms, a diversified family farming operation in South Mobile County.

Representative Sessions currently serves as president of Grand Bay Water Works, and Producers Gin Co. LLC. Additionally, he serves as a supervisor on the board of the Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District.

He is past president of the Alabama Pecan Growers Association.

Representative Sessions is married to Lisa Driskell Sessions and they have three children. He and his family attend First Baptist Church in Grand Bay.



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## TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



### Deputy Commissioner Curtis Stewart Alabama Department of Revenue

Curtis Stewart, who shares the post of Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, is a certified public accountant and brings to his new assignment 11 years of combined experience in the private sector as a sole practitioner in the Atlanta, Georgia, area and as a former audit and tax manager with KPMG accounting firm. Stewart began his career with the ADOR in 1991, and since that time has held management positions within the department in various tax administration areas, including regulatory licenses, severance, tobacco, fuel, sales and use taxes. Mr. Stewart served as director of the department's Tax Policy and Research Division from 2008 to 2012.

Stewart, a native of Greenville, Alabama, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Commerce School of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.



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# TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



**Mr. Steve Kottak**  
**Senior Dir, External Relations - Trade Marketing**  
**RAI Trade Marketing Services Company**

Steve Kottak joined Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation in 1988 as a sales representative in Virginia. He held various trade marketing management positions, including director of military sales, division sales manager and key accounts manager, prior to his promotion in 1996 to the government relations department at the company's Louisville, Kentucky corporate headquarters.

Following positions of increasing responsibility, Kottak was promoted to the position of corporate and regulatory affairs director for British American Tobacco in Sydney, Australia, where he led a team to engage the retail and wholesale trade on legislative industry issues.

Following the merger between Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in 2004, Kottak returned to the company's headquarters in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

In his current position, Kottak leads the Company's local government relations team.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Kottak earned an MBA degree from the University of Louisville in 1998 and a bachelor's degree in Marketing from the University of Dayton in 1988.

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## TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



**Mr. Steve Stomel**  
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- 5:00pm**                **Board of Directors Meeting (Azalea C Ballroom)**
- 6:45pm - 7:30pm**      **Welcome Reception (Camellia Ballroom)**  
Sponsored by: Bevco Beverages  
Mars Chocolate North America
- 7:30pm - 8:30pm**      **Welcome Seafood Dinner (Event Deck)**  
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- 8:30pm - 10pm**        **Luau (Event Deck)**  
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# Distributors Association Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

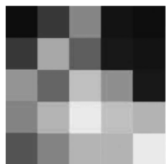
- 7am - 12noon      **Registration & Exhibit Setup (Camellia Ballroom)**  
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- 7am - 9am      **Breakfast (The Buffet)**  
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- 8am - 11am      **Business Session (Camellia Ballroom)**  
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- 9:15am      **Business Session Coffee Break (Camellia Ballroom)**
- 10:30am      **Annual Business Meeting (Camellia Ballroom)**
- 12:30pm      **Golf Tournament (Fallen Oaks Golf Course)**  
Sponsored by: Altria Group Distribution Company
- 7pm - 7:45pm      **Board of Directors Reception (Camellia Ballroom)**  
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- 7:45pm - 9:15pm      **President's Banquet (Camellia Ballroom)**  
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