



AT THE BAR WITH BOWDITCH

A Legal Blog for the Craft Brewing Community

Joseph Duquette Presented “Demystifying Brewery Regulations: Expert Insights from the MBG’s Most FAQs” at the Mass Brewers Guild Technical Brewing & Business Conference

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The Mass Brewers Guild (MBG) Technical Brewing & Business Conference was held on November 4 in Framingham, MA. The focus of the day-long event, which featured workshops and lectures, was to learn best practices from industry experts and create meaningful connections with peers within the craft beer industry. Attendees attended sessions from the track that best suited their skillset in the industry – Technical Brewing or Business.

At the conference, Joseph Duquette presented on the panel “Demystifying Brewery Regulations: Expert Insights from the MBG’s Most FAQs,” which addressed the association’s most frequently asked questions, providing clarity and guidance on essential regulatory topics.

Key discussion points included:

- An overview of the state’s licensing structures, highlighting what you can and can’t do as a manufacturer, farmer brewer, or brewpub license holder
- A detailed breakdown of the 19H combined licenses and the process of adding a winery license
- Licensing requirements and best practices for contracting your brand at another brewery
- Key regulations and considerations for transporting beer across state lines

Additionally, the panel tackled other common questions and challenges faced by brewers, offering practical advice and insights.