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Wetlands Panel

MODERATOR



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Schedule of Events

JUNE
16
MONDAY

Light Breakfast
8 am–9 am
Ballroom 1–3

**Business Structures,
Tax Laws & Deductions**
9 am–10 am
Ballroom 4&5

(1 hour of CE pending DOS approval)
Join us for an informative session with Certified Public Accountant and Senior Tax Manager Jeremy Cole (BST & Co., CPAs, LLP) as we break down key financial and tax considerations for business owners, entrepreneurs, and independent contractors. Whether you’re starting a new venture or looking to optimize your existing business, this talk will provide essential insights into structuring your business and maximizing deductions.



Jeremy Cole, CPA

Jeremy Cole is a seasoned Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who joined BST as a Senior Tax Manager in 2023. With a distinguished career of more than 20 years spanning multiple renowned firms, he has significant expertise and leadership in taxation and financial reporting.



Legal Update
10:30 am–12 pm
Ballroom 4&5
(Fulfills 1.5 hour of “recent legal matters” for NYS license renewal)



Anthony Gatto, Esq.

NYSAR’s Legal Counsel, Anthony Gatto, will cover a wide array of legal issues including legal obligations of the licensee and an in-depth look at recent laws, rules, regulations, as well as other issues critical to reducing risk in your real estate practice.

Lunch Buffet
12 pm–1 pm
Ballroom 1–3

**Interactive NYSDEC
Wetland Regulations Panel**
1 pm–2:30 pm
Ballroom 4&5
(1.5 hours of CE)

Join us for an insightful panel discussion on New York State’s wetlands regulations and their impact on development and land use. This session will bring together key experts to help you gain a comprehensive understanding of the regulatory landscape, potential challenges, and strategies for successful project navigation. Whether you’re a developer, land owner or real estate agent, this panel will provide valuable insights into the intersection of wetlands protection and economic development.

Networking Break
Pre-Function Space
(Outside Ballrooms)
2:30 pm–3 pm

**Panel Discussion:
Cannabis Industry
in New York State**
3 pm–4:30 pm
Ballroom 4&5
(1.5 hours of CE)
Getting a lot of calls from dispensaries and cultivators these days? It’s time to get your cannabis CRE team together. We’ve assembled a panel of industry experts to answer all your questions from a site selection perspective- permitting, licensing, advocacy, expenses, location criteria and more- and to be your go-to resources for anything cannabis real estate related.

Welcome Reception
5 pm–6 pm
Ballroom 2&3

**NYSCAR Board of
Governors’ Meeting**
6 pm–8 pm
Landing Meeting Room
(near hotel elevators)
Board Members Only

JUNE
17
TUESDAY



Greg McLane, SEC



Nick DeMarte, SEC

Light Breakfast
8 am–9 am
Ballroom 1–3

**Northeast Regional
Marketing Session**
9 am–12 pm
Ballroom 4&5

Moderators Greg McLane, SEC and Nick DeMarte, SEC
Generate potential transactions and gain valuable insight into how to best facilitate your clients’ property objectives. This full day property marketing session, led by expert SEC moderators from across the region, is the most successful marketing session in NYS each year. Your clients deserve your attendance.

Lunch Buffet
12 pm–1 pm
Ballroom 1–3

Networking Break
3 pm
Pre-Function Space
(Outside Ballrooms)

**Northeast Regional
Marketing Session
(continued)**
1 pm–5 pm
Ballroom 4&5

Cannabis Panel

MODERATOR



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