



TIMELINE OF SHIPPING ISSUES

2004 Massachusetts sues Sherry Lehmann for illegal shipments into the state

2005 US Supreme Court rules in favor of wineries in Granholm

2006 SWRA (NAWR) is formed

2007 Out of state Retailers (with SWRA support) sue in the state of Texas for right to ship to consumers in the state

2008 Michigan is sued for same reasons as above. Court rules for retailers. Within days, Michigan legislature bans all retailers from delivering in Michigan, unless they use their own trucks.

2009 Texas sends cease & desist letters to out of state retailers, while retailers appeal district court's decision

2011 After 4 years of litigation, US Supreme court denies to hear appeal of retailers in TX suit.

2011 New York State Liquor Authority (NYSLA) starts looking into wholesalers re "favors" to retailers

2013 NYSLA levies \$100,000 fine to Winebow for improper price posting, the first of many fines/suspensions handed down by NYSLA to wholesalers (to date, the NYSLA has now fined wholesalers over \$7mil for various violations)

2013 NYSLA sends cease & desist to Wine Library (NJ retailer) re shipping into NYS

2013 NYSLA files charges against Lot 18 for operating without a license

2014 NYSLA files charges against Albany NY retailer, Empire Wine, for shipping wine and spirits to states that prohibit such shipments

2014 Empire Wine countersues NYSLA

2014 Chicago attorney Steve Diamond sues hundreds of wineries and retailers for violating shipping laws and tax remittance laws for the state of IL

2015 Illinois legislature & governor sign off on law prohibiting retailers from shipping into the state and in-state retailers from shipping out of the state. The state immediately starts enforcing the laws.

2015 Illinois, Iowa & Louisiana send cease & desist letters to retailers shipping illegally into the state

2016 Michigan legislature & governor sign off on new bill allowing local wine retailers to use common carriers, while out of state retailers are not. Lawsuit immediately filed in the state by the same attorneys who won in 2008

2017 Kentucky & Mississippi send cease & desist letters to wine retailers

2017 Mississippi sues over 20 retailers for illegal shipments into the state

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