**Overview**

NAGTRI’s mission is to provide high-quality, non-partisan, and innovative training, research and other developmental resources to support state and territorial attorneys general offices (AGO)s.

**Mission**

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**NAGTRI Priorities**

**Governance**

Fundamental to the continued robustness of NAGTRI is the continuation and enhancement of responsible governance that is consistent with NAAG’s dedication to its Core Values, independence, and nonpartisanship.

**Ensure Financial Soundness**

Maintaining fiscal soundness of the organization is critical. NAGTRI will continue to ensure long-term financial stability and organization viability.

**Training**

NAGTRI is committed to continuing to meet the attorney general community’s increasing demand for high-quality, practical training, and to encourage the long-term application of knowledge and skills to the work of the AGOs. NAGTRI will provide cost-effective core and specialized programs, many of which are not otherwise available to the attorney general staff, and will continuously develop a diverse group of skilled instructors to deliver these programs.

**Research**

NAGTRI will expand the depth and range of research to enhance the attorney general community.

**Promote NAGTRI Activities**

By effectively communicating its mission and available resources, NAGTRI will engage the attorneys general and their staffs and encourage continuous support from the community for NAGTRI activities.

**Expand and Evolve**

NAGTRI is a nimble and dynamic organization, able to be flexible in responding to the evolving needs of AGOs. Recognizing that its interests often overlap with allied domestic and global organizations, NAGTRI will expand its capacity both domestically and globally to further professional development, research, and training opportunities. This approach provides for collaboration on issues of mutual concern or interest and encourages the exchange of knowledge, ideas, expertise, and strategies applicable to the work of AGOs.

**The NAGTRI Training Committee**

The NAGTRI Training Committee is comprised of attorneys general who volunteered to ensure that NAGTRI meets its mission.
The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide advice, counsel, and expertise in the development of NAGTRI operations, to include curriculum and support to assistant attorneys general and other staff in NAAG’s 56 jurisdictions. The Advisory Board is charged with providing candid assessments of what NAGTRI can do better. Most importantly, NAGTRI staff relies on the Board to ensure that they are being responsive to the needs of AG staffs. Board members currently include one designee per state from over 45 jurisdictions.

NAGTRI’s activities include:

- Research on topics of interest to the attorney general community
- Monthly or quarterly newsletters on areas including civil rights, consumer protection, substance abuse, and others
- NAGTRI Journal – includes articles written by both members of the AGO’s and NAAG staff
- Publications to include manuals on veterans’ issues, preparing for disasters, intellectual property theft and evidentiary foundations
- Trainings offered in-person and online on topics such as trial advocacy skills, management and leadership, e-discovery, elders affairs, and others
- Trainings offered to AGO staff and a select few offered to district attorneys, prosecutors and local law enforcement
- Podcasts for paralegals
- Centers for Ethics and Public Integrity and Leadership Development
- PAGE (Promoting Attorneys General Expertise)

NAGTRI Wiki

In 2008, NAGTRI held 13 courses, training 800 people. Just 8 years later we are offering approximately 100 courses annually reaching over 4,400 people.

Most of NAGTRI’s funds are provided by the NAAG Mission Foundation. Other sources of funding include grants from a Neurontin settlement and the Department of Energy.

In May 2014, NAGTRI offered its first course to district attorneys. Following its success, NAGTRI furthered its reach and now offers a few courses each year that are open to district attorneys, prosecutors and local law enforcement.