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2021 NAAG Southern Region Meeting
August 24-25, 2021
The Jefferson Hotel
Richmond, VA

Monday, August 23	
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception at The Jefferson Hotel
Tuesday, August 24	
7:30 am	NAAG Registration Desk Opens
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome Remarks Mark Herring , <i>NAAG Southern Region Chair and Virginia Attorney General</i>
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Keynote Speaker Debbie Smith , <i>sexual assault survivor and founder of H-E-A-R-T (Hope Exists After Rape Trauma), a non-profit organization promoting victim empowerment, public awareness, and legislative advocacy.</i>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	BREAK
10:45 am – Noon	Eliminating Your State’s Rape Kit Backlog and Prosecuting Cold Cases Description: Eliminating rape kit backlogs has been a priority for state attorneys general around the country. This panel will discuss Virginia’s efforts in testing sexual assault kits and taking a fresh look at old cases using a trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary approach. Moderator: Herbert H. Slatery, III , <i>Tennessee Attorney General</i> Panelists: Kelly Carpenter , <i>SAKI Project Manager, Virginia Attorney General’s Office</i>

	<p>Madison Boden, <i>Physical Evidence Recovery Kit Tracking System Coordinator, Virginia Department of Forensic Science</i> Thomas Kohlbeck, <i>Lead Analyst, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Virginia State Police</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
Noon – 1:30 pm	Networking Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Ensuring Victims’ Rights as States Consider Criminal Justice Reform</p> <p>Description: Criminal justice reform is on the legislative agenda in many states. The panel will discuss how reform efforts can promote balance and fairness in the justice system through ensuring crime victims’ rights.</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Herring, <i>NAAG Southern Region Chair and Virginia Attorney General</i></p> <p>Panelists: Sarah Ford, <i>Program Director, South Carolina Victim Assistance Network</i> Meg Garvin, <i>Executive Director, National Crime Victim Law Institute</i> David Thomas, <i>Program Manager II, International Association of Chiefs of Police</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Lethality Assessment as a Violence Disruptor</p> <p>Description: Lethality assessment is an evidence-based and field-tested tool that increases both the level of accountability for perpetrators and the safety for victims of domestic violence. The panel will discuss the successful use of lethality assessment and how it can be applied by law enforcement and attorney general offices nationwide.</p> <p>Moderator: Lynn Fitch, <i>Mississippi Attorney General</i></p> <p>Panelists: Morgan Abbate, <i>Lethality Assessment Program Coordinator, Virginia Attorney General’s Office</i> Derrick Longoria, <i>Detective, Richmond Police Department</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	BREAK
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Attorney General Responses to Human Trafficking

	<p>Description: State attorney general offices play a vital role in identifying and combatting trafficking in their jurisdictions, using “prevention through awareness,” protection of victims and prosecution of traffickers. The panel will discuss successful methods used by state and federal law enforcement and prosecutors.</p> <p>Moderator: Ashley Moody, <i>NAAG Southern Region Vice Chair and Florida Attorney General</i></p> <p>Panelists: Melissa McMenemy, <i>Virginia Statewide Facilitator, Virginia Attorney General’s Office</i> Adrianna Mirarchi, <i>Group Supervisor, Homeland Security Investigations</i> Cristian Stevens, <i>First Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General’s Office</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<p>Off-site Reception at the Virginia Attorney General’s Office <i>*Transportation to be provided*</i></p>
Wednesday, August 25	
7:30 am	NAAG Registration Desk Opens
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<p>Welcome Remarks: Emerging Trends in Law Enforcement Responses to Sexual and Domestic Violence</p> <p>Mark Herring, <i>NAAG Southern Region Chair and Virginia Attorney General</i></p>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>The Link Between Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence</p> <p>Description: Studies have shown a direct link between acts of cruelty to animals and violence toward humans, including child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse. This panel will discuss how offices of attorneys general and law enforcement can protect both animal and human victims.</p> <p>Moderator: Josh Stein, <i>North Carolina Attorney General</i></p> <p>Panelist: Michelle Welch, <i>Director of the Animal Law Unit & Senior Assistant Attorney General, Virginia Attorney General’s Office</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>

10:00 am – 11:00 am	<p>How Domestic Violence and Community Violence Can Lead to Mass Violence</p> <p>Description: There is a well-documented connection between domestic violence and mass murder. In this session, we will discuss how these issues are linked, and how prevention and prosecution of domestic violence may reduce mass violence.</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Young, <i>Chief Deputy Attorney General, South Carolina Attorney General's Office</i></p> <p>Panelist: Mary Vail Ware, <i>Senior Director of Justice and Victim Services, ICF</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
11:00 am	Meeting Concludes for Public
11:00 am – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Attorney General Staff Only Panel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLE ELIGIBLE</p>
12:15 pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mark Herring, <i>NAAG Southern Region Chair and Virginia Attorney General</i></p> <p>Meeting Concludes</p>