

Capital Forum

December 9-11, 2024 | Washington, D.C.

Monday, December 9

Attorneys General and Staff Only

10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Registration**

11:00 am – 11:45 am **NAAG Executive Committee Meeting** [South American AB](#)

**Virtual and call-in options will be available for those attorneys general/proxies not in attendance.*

11:50 am – 12:10 pm **Caucus Meetings**

**Virtual and call-in options will be available for those attorneys general/proxies not in attendance.*

12:15 pm – 2:25 pm **Business Session with Working Lunch** [Congressional/Senate](#)

**Virtual and call-in options will be available for those attorneys general/proxies not in attendance.*

Open to All Attendees

2:30 pm **Welcome** [Presidential Ballroom](#)

Presentation of the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance

Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy

Welcome to Washington, D.C.

Brian L. Schwalb, *District of Columbia Attorney General*

Welcome Remarks

Ellen Rosenblum, *NAAG President and Oregon Attorney General*

2:40 pm – 3:00 pm **CFPB Update**

Fireside Chat with Director Rohit Chopra, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and AG Ellen Rosenblum

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3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Presidential Initiative Spotlight – America’s Youth: AGs Looking Out for the Next Generation**

The SURGEON GENERAL of the United States will join us for an interactive keynote address. Dr. Murthy issued a Surgeon General’s Advisory in 2023 on the subject of youth use of social media. This year he recommended to Congress that warnings be placed on social media apps to alert parents and children of their potential harms.

Moderator

Eleanor Blume, *Special Assistant Attorney General, California Department of Justice*

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA, *Surgeon General of the United States*

4:15 pm – 4:25 pm **Attorneys General Depart Hotel for Supreme Court Group Photo** [Front Entrance of Hotel](#)

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm **Attendees Load Buses for Supreme Court Reception**
[Front Entrance of Hotel](#)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Supreme Court Reception**

**Photographs taken by attendees in the Great Hall are approved for personal memento use only. Photos are prohibited from publication, posting or release, including on social media.*

7:00 pm *Attendees may depart the reception on their own or a bus will be provided*

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8:00 am – 8:55 am **Optional Regional Breakfasts**

Attorney general staff only

Eastern Region [Michigan Room](#)

Mid-Western Region [Ohio Room](#)

Southern Region [California Room](#)

Western Region (CWAG) [South American A](#)

**Call-in options will be provided.*

8:00 am – 8:55 am **SAGE Breakfast and Business Meeting** [Federal A](#)

Open to former attorneys general.

8:00 am – 8:55 am **Breakfast and Registration for All Other Attendees**

[Congressional/Senate](#)

9:00 am – 11:45 am **Plenary Sessions** [Presidential Ballroom](#)

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Protecting Consumers, Charitable Donors, and the Charitable Sector from Fraud**

Attorneys General serve a vital role in protecting consumers from bad actors operating charities fraudulently or in derogation of their public obligations. The AGs' work is also critical to safeguard the charitable sector which provides vital resources to help fund life-saving and life-changing support and services throughout the country. This panel of attorneys general and representatives of the charitable sector and services that assist them will discuss each of their roles in protecting consumers and the charitable sector from fraudulent actors.

MODERATORS

Brian Schwalb, *District of Columbia Attorney General*

Alan Wilson, *South Carolina Attorney General*

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PANELISTS

Jon Olson, *General Counsel, Blackbaud*
Representative from Charity

10:05 am – 10:30 am **HOLD**

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am – 11:45 am **Securing the Future: A Conversation with CISA Director Jen Easterly on U.S. Cybersecurity**

Join us for a special discussion with CISA Director Jen Easterly as she reflects on her tenure leading the nation's cybersecurity efforts. In this candid conversation, Director Easterly will share her expertise and insights on a host of topics, including the nation's current cybersecurity posture, the evolving threat landscape, and fostering a secure tech ecosystem. As one of the leading global voices in cybersecurity, Director Easterly will also share her recommendations for securing our nation's cyber future.

SPEAKERS

Tim Griffin, *Arkansas Attorney General*

William Tong, *Connecticut Attorney General*

Jen Easterly, *Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*

11:45 am – 12:55 pm **Networking Lunch** *Congressional/Senate*

1:00 pm – 4:15 pm **Plenary Sessions** *Presidential Ballroom*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Interactive Keynote Address**

Social Psychologist and author of the best-selling book *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*. Professor Haidt will discuss his book and the reactions to it by parents, teachers and kids.

FACILITATOR

Ellen Klem, *Director, Consumer Education and Outreach, Oregon Attorney General's Office*

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SPEAKER

Jonathan Haidt, PhD., *Social Psychologist and Author, New York University's Stern School of Business*

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Break**

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm **U.S. Supreme Court Update**

The National Association of Attorneys General will present the annual Best Brief Awards, and then two of the nation's leading U.S. Supreme Court practitioners will discuss the cases before the Court this term.

MODERATOR

Dan Schweitzer, *Supreme Court Director and Chief Counsel, National Association of Attorneys General*

SPEAKERS

Sarah Harrington, *Partner, Covington & Burling*
Sarah Harris, *Partner, Williams & Connolly*

3:35 pm – 4:15 pm **AGs Addressing the Evolving Landscape of Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

Ohio has been at the forefront of litigation involving pharmacy benefit managers ("PBM's") for the past 8 years. Under AG Yost's leadership, Ohio has recovered over \$100m from PBM's in cases involving overcharging of state entities. The proposed panel would discuss the latest phenomenon in this litigation – rebate aggregators. In recent years, PBM's have spun off their rebate arms into separate entities, with each PBM having one: Express Scripts has Ascent, Optum has Emisar, CVS has Zinc. The creation of these entities was in response to a threat to eliminate the safe harbor provisions in the anti-kickback statute for PBM's. Essentially, these rebate aggregators charge "fees" to the manufacturer which are really the rebate monies that are due to the plan sponsors. Rather than passing these rebates back to the plan sponsors, rebate aggregators skim off a portion as fees. Manufacturers are forced to pay an increasing amount of "fees," really rebates, in exchange for favorable

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placement on the formulary. Under most PBM contracts, PBM's are required to pass all rebates back to the plan. These fees drive up the price of pharmaceuticals as manufacturers must pay an increasing amount of fees to the PBM rebate aggregators. This panel will explore this problem and the litigation thus far to address the problem.

MODERATOR

Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General

PANELISTS

Antonio Ciacca, *President, 3 Axis Advisors*

Alex Oshmyansky, *Co-founder and CEO, Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company*

Joseph M. Shields, *CEO, Transparency-Rx*

Paul Hurst,

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Gift Exchange and Discussion with Taiwan Delegation** [Federal A](#)

This is open to National Association of Attorneys General officers and other interested attorneys general.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **SAGE Reception** [Northgate Grill](#)

Frances X. Bellotti Award
Presented by SAGE Co-Chairs

Reception is open to current and former attorneys general.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Capital Forum Reception** [Northgate Grill](#)

Reception is open to all Capital Forum attendees.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm **Annual Holiday Dinner** [Congressional/Senate](#)

Entertainment, awards, and passing of the gavel.

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8:30 pm – 10:00 pm **Karaoke and Hospitality** *Northgate Grill*

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Congressional/Senate

9:00 am – 11:30 am **Plenary Sessions** *Presidential Ballroom*

9:00 am – 9:15 am **Welcome**
John Formella, NAAG President and New Hampshire Attorney General

9:15 am – 10:15 am **From the Foxhole to the Front Office: Ethical Leadership for Law Offices**
Attorneys General must balance the demands of politics, leadership, legal acumen, and ethics. This group will discuss how their military experience prepared them to successfully balance these demands, helped them instill a culture of ethical leadership throughout their offices, and offer practical guidance for all us comply with the requirements of the model rules.

MODERATOR

Brian Kane, *Executive Director, NAAG*

SPEAKERS

Tim Griffin, *Arkansas Attorney General*

Anthony G. Brown, *Maryland Attorney General*

Gentner Drummond, *Oklahoma Attorney General*

Alan Wilson, *South Carolina Attorney General*

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Bureau of Prisons Update**
Colette S. Peters, *Director, Bureau of Prisons*

10:30 am – 11:00 am **BREAK**

11:00 am – 11:30 am **Implementing Priority Policies**
In this session you will hear a real-world example of how an attorney general's office has implemented priority policies.

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Matthew J. Platkin, *New Jersey Attorney General*
Lyndsay Ruotolo, *First Assistant Attorney General*

11:30 am **Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjourns**
