

## Eastern Region Meeting

September 8–10, 2025, | Asbury Park, NJ

### Reimagining Public Safety

#### Monday, September 8

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5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

*Oval Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

**Brian Kane**, *Executive Director, National Association of Attorneys General*

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*All sessions to be held in the Kingsley Ballrooms I, II, & III*

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#### Tuesday, September 9

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8:00 am – 8:55 am **Breakfast and Registration**

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9:00 am – 9:25 am **Welcome to New Jersey**

**Matthew J. Platkin**, *New Jersey Attorney General*

#### **Overview of the Day**

**Sara M. Quigley**, *Chief of Staff to the Attorney General, New Jersey Attorney General Office*

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9:30 am – 10:30 am **Bridging the Gap: Government and Community Partnerships in Violence Intervention**

Community-based violence intervention (CVI) is gaining national momentum as a public safety strategy rooted in healing, prevention, and credible messengers. This panel brings together law enforcement and service providers to discuss emerging models for integrating CVI into public systems, including through partnerships between law enforcement, behavioral health agencies, and grassroots organizations. Panelists will highlight best practices, common challenges, and lessons learned from multidisciplinary working groups, including insights from a recent report in New Jersey.

MODERATOR

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

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### PANELISTS

**Patricia Teffenhart**, *Director, Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

**PJ Fox**, *Director of Community Violence Intervention and Prevention, Rhode Island Attorney General's Office*

**Kristina Vander**, *Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Shore University Medical Center*

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10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

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10:50 am – 12:00 pm **Firearm Safety and Enforcement Strategies**

Across the country, states are utilizing a range of legal and investigative tools to prevent the spread of illegal firearms and to promote overall public and community safety. From civil enforcement and litigation to partnerships with law enforcement and local prosecutors, attorneys general have taken steps to address gun trafficking, ghost guns, and the rising use of illegally obtained firearms in violent crime and against law enforcement officials. This panel will highlight practical approaches such as proactive investigations and cross-agency coordination that help reduce gun-related violence, support public safety, and hold actors who violate the law accountable, whether they are manufacturers, traffickers, or online sellers. New Jersey's SAFE Office will be featured as one example of an integrated enforcement model.

### MODERATOR

**Sara M. Quigley**, *Chief of Staff, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

### PANELISTS

**Matthew J. Platkin**, *New Jersey Attorney General*

**Kathy Jennings**, *Delaware Attorney General*

**Amie Ely**, *First Assistant Attorney General, Oklahoma Attorney General's Office*

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12:10 pm – 1:10 pm **Lunch and Keynote**

### SPEAKER

**Honorable Esther Salas**, *United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey*

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1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **How did we ARRIVE here?**

New Jersey's ARRIVE Together program is now a national model for transforming public safety by integrating mental health professionals into police responses. This session explores how states can replicate or adapt this model, focusing on interagency partnerships, funding, community trust, and policy design. Attendees will leave with concrete steps for piloting or scaling similar programs.

MODERATOR

**Derick Dailey**, *Counsel, Crowell & Moring*

PANELISTS

**Tiffany Wilson**, *Director, Office of Alternative and Community Responses, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

**Dana Melici**, *Trinitas Regional Medical Center RWJ Barnabas*

**Giacomo Sacca**, *Chief of Police, City of Elizabeth Police Department*

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2:20 pm – 3:20 pm **Protecting Communities: Law as a Tool for Environmental Justice**

This moderated discussion will explore how litigation serves as a powerful tool to protect public health. Through personal insights and legal expertise, the conversation will highlight strategies for holding polluters accountable, advancing environmental justice, and ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and safe living conditions.

MODERATOR

**William Tong**, *Connecticut Attorney General*

PANELISTS

**Aaron Frey**, *Maine Attorney General*

**Angela Cai**, *Executive Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

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3:20 pm – 3:30 pm **Wrap-up**

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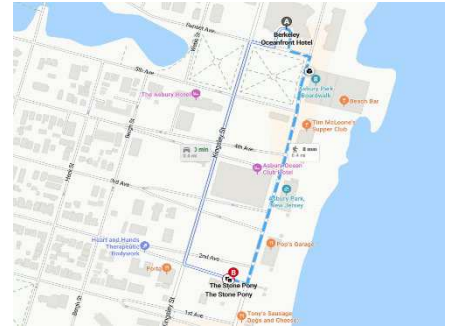
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5:00 pm – 5:15 pm **Walk to Stone Pony**

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Fireside Chat**

A discussion on the rich history of Asbury Park, the legendary Stone Pony, and of course – the legacy of Bruce Springsteen. Speakers will share stories from their careers, reflecting on Asbury's enduring spirit and Springsteen's influence on the city.

MODERATOR

**Matthew J. Platkin**, *New Jersey Attorney General*

PANELISTS

**Nick Corasaniti**, *New York Times* journalist & author of *I Don't Wanna Go Home: The Oral History of the Stone Pony*

**Danny Clinch**, *Photographer, Co-Founder, Sea.Hear.Now Festival*

**Eileen Chapman**, *Director, Bruce Springsteen Archives & Center for American Music*

**Tim Donnelly**, *Asbury Park Historian; Co-Founder, Sea.Hear.Now Festival*

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Dinner at Porta**

911 Kingsley Street  
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### Wednesday, September 10

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7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**

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8:50 am – 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**

**Jeremy Feigenbaum**, *Solicitor General, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

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9:00 am – 10:00 am

### **Beyond the Stadium: Interagency Safety and Human Rights in 2026 (World Cup Prep)**

This discussion will feature insights from hosting states, security representatives, and human rights advocates. Together, they'll share how jurisdictions can prepare for high-profile events while maintaining community trust, safeguarding human rights, and delivering a coordinated safety plan under global scrutiny, particularly ahead of the World Cup.

#### MODERATOR

**Letitia James**, *New York Attorney General*

#### PANELISTS

**Charles Shudtz**, *Captain, New Jersey State Police*

**Katie Hanna**, *Head of North America, Centre for Sport and Human Rights*

**Lyndsay Ruotolo**, *First Assistant, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

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10:00 am – 10:15 am

### **Break**

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10:20 am – 11:20 am

### **Enforcement in the Age of AI**

This presentation examines the evolving legal landscape of AI. It will discuss current challenges, emerging policies, and legal strategies to address the risks posed by rapidly advancing technologies.

#### MODERATOR

**Theresa Hilton**, *Director, Division of Criminal Justice, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

#### PANELISTS

**Derek Nececkas**, *Deputy Director, Division of Criminal Justice, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

**Ariel Dobkin**, *Counsel WilmerHale*

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11:25 am – 11:40 am

### **Closing Remarks**

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