

Eastern Region Meeting

September 8–10, 2025 | Asbury Park, NJ

Reimagining Public Safety

Monday, September 8

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

Oval Ballroom, 2nd Floor

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

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

Tuesday, September 9

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

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 New Jersey Attorney General*

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*

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

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*

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

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

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

New Jersey's ARRIVE Together program is now a national model for

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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*

2:20 pm – 3:20 pm

Protecting Communities: Environmental Law as a Public Safety Tool

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 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*

Aaron S. Farmer, *Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement, Ohio Attorney General's Office*

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm

Wrap-up

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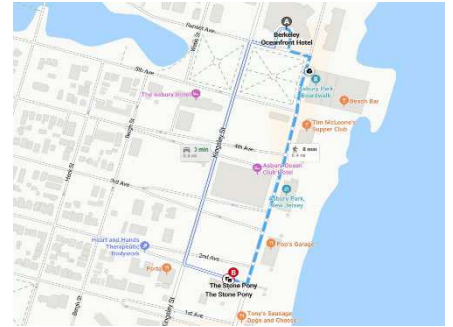
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5:00 pm – 5:15 pm **Walk to Stone Pony**

913 Ocean Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

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**

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Wednesday, September 10

7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**

8:50 am – 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**

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

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

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

PANELISTS

Charles Shudtz, *Captain, New Jersey State Police*

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

Candace M. Staniel, *Chief Equity Officer, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office*

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

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*

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PANELISTS

Kashif Chand, *Assistant Attorney General, Division of Law, New Jersey Attorney General's Office*

Ariel Dobkin, *Counsel, WilmerHale*

Dave Cole, *Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Innovation, State of New Jersey*

11:25 am – 11:40 am

Closing Remarks

Matthew J. Platkin, *New Jersey Attorney General*
