

## Annual Conference

Apr. 13–15, 2026 | Charleston, SC.

*All sessions will take place in the Magnolia Ballroom unless otherwise noted*

### Monday, April 13

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8:00 am – 9:30 am **Breakfast & Badge Pick-up**

9:00 am – 9:50 am **Executive Committee & Mission Foundation** – *Harleston*

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

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Welcome to Charleston**

*Alan Wilson, South Carolina Attorney General*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**The Citadel Regimental Color Guard**

OPENING REMARKS

**William Tong, NAAG President and Connecticut Attorney General**

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10:20 am – 10:35 am **America at 250: Attorneys General & the Founding of Our Nation**

PRESENTER

**Jeff Jackson, North Carolina Attorney General**

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10:40 am – 11:40 am **Artificial Intelligence in Action: Applications, Solutions, & Innovation**

This session will explore how states are piloting, governing, and scaling AI tools—from service-delivery improvements to responsible-use frameworks—and the rapidly evolving ecosystem supporting them. The panel will highlight real-world implementations, early lessons, and the innovative projects improving access to essential public services. Join us to see where state-level AI innovation is heading next.

PRESENTER

**Doug Robinson, Executive Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers**

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11:40 am – 11:55 am **Break**

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11:55 am – 12:50 pm **Intoxicating Hemp: The 2018 Farm Bill & FY2026 Appropriations**

This session will be a discussion on the perceived hemp "loophole" in the 2018 Farm Bill, state's approaches, the FY2026 Appropriations closing that loophole, and what states can and cannot do once that FY2026 ban goes into effect. A discussion on what is preempted after November and what is not.

MODERATOR

**Alexandra Benton**, *Deputy Attorney General, Arkansas Attorney General's Office*

PRESENTERS

**Gregory Alston**, *Deputy Director for Policy of the Opinions and Policy Division, Mississippi Attorney General's Office*

**David Day**, *Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Hawaii Attorney General's Office*

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

**Katherine Hagmann-Borenstein**, *Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection, Connecticut Attorney General's Office*

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1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Luncheon for Attorneys General** – *Charleston Grill*

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1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Luncheon for General Attendees** – *Cypress/Dogwood*

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2:10 pm – 3:10 pm **Leveraging External Support to Address Illegal Sales of Tobacco and Nicotine**

Illicit sales of tobacco and nicotine products put youth at risk, harm consumers, reduce critical tax revenue, and facilitate broader criminal activity. These challenges require coordinated action across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Using a real-world investigation as a case study, along with available evidence-based non-profit resources, this session will provide attendees with actionable tools that can serve as force multipliers for resource-constrained teams.

MODERATOR

**Raul Torrez**, *New Mexico Attorney General*

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### SPEAKERS

**Jay Kennedy, Ph. D.**, *Head of Policy and Engagement, Illicit Trade Prevention, US, Philip Morris International*

**Kathy Crosby**, *CEO and President, Truth Initiative*

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3:10 pm **Plenary Session Concludes for the Day**

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5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Dinner for all attendees**

Join us at Poogan’s Smokehouse for some delicious South Carolina BBQ!  
188 East Bay Street (.4 miles from the Charleston Place Hotel)

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## Tuesday, April 14 – **AGs and AG Staff Only Section**

7:45 am – 8:10 am **AGs and AG Staff Only Breakfast**

Come grab your breakfast and join us for the breakfast briefing in the main conference room

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8:15 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast Briefing: Strengthening Medicaid Integrity Through MFCUs**

Join the U.S. Inspector General for an informative breakfast conversation focused on the evolving landscape of Medicaid fraud and the essential role of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCUs). This session will explore current challenges, emerging trends, and opportunities for collaboration between Attorneys General, Chief Deputies, and federal partners to protect program integrity and safeguard taxpayer resources.

**T. March Bell**, *Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services*

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8:00 am – 8:55 am **Breakfast for All Other Attendees** – *Cypress/Dogwood*

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9:00 am – 10:00 am **U.S. Supreme Court Review**

Two of the nation’s leading U.S. Supreme Court practitioners will discuss the cases before the Court this term.

MODERATOR

**Dan Schweitzer**, *Director, Supreme Court Center, NAAG*

PANELISTS

**Mathura J. Sridharan**, *Solicitor General, Ohio Attorney General’s Office*

**Jeremy M. Feigenbaum**, *Solicitor General, New Jersey Attorney General’s Office*

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10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

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10:20 am – 11:15 am **Developments in State Pre-Merger Notification Laws**

State legislatures have previously adopted pre-merger notification laws in specific industries, such as health care. Recently, the Uniform Law Commission drafted a general pre-merger notification law that would provide states access to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act materials that are filed with the federal government. With the uniform law’s adoption by California, Colorado and Washington, this panel discusses what states should consider when evaluating pre-merger notification legislation.

MODERATOR

**Mike MacKenzie**, *Antitrust Counsel, NAAG*

PANELISTS

**Dan Robbins**, *Chair ULC Antitrust Premerger Notification Drafting Committee, Uniform Law Commission*

**Sean Heather**, *Senior Vice President, International Regulatory Affairs & Antitrust, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

**Emilio Varanini**, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General, California Attorney General’s Office*

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11:20 am – 11:50 am **Combating Online Scammers: Combining Common Sense and AI**  
Scammers have pervaded the Internet since its inception and have made increasing use of technology to target victims and hide themselves from accountability. This session will unveil new tools that use common-sense signals and AI to identify likely scammers, protect consumers, and support legitimate businesses. Rather than relying on sensitive data, these tools track the “breadcrumbs” scammers leave behind, helping state attorneys general focus investigations and strengthen multistate anti-fraud efforts.

MODERATOR

**Catherine Hanaway**, *Missouri Attorney General*

PRESENTERS

**David Caragliano**, *Global Head of Ad Safety, Google*

**John Breyault**, *Vice President, Public Policy, Telecommunications & Fraud, National Consumer League*

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11:50 pm – 12:50 pm **Networking Luncheon** – *Riviera Theater Ballroom (across 2<sup>nd</sup> street)*

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12:50 pm – 1:00 pm **Transition back to Plenary Session**

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1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **Primal Intelligence: Leading with Clarity, Confidence, & Human Insight**

In a world defined by rapid change, polarized public discourse, and rising complexity, the ability to understand human behavior at its most fundamental level has never been more essential for leaders in government. This session introduces the concept of *Primal Intelligence*—the innate cognitive and emotional patterns that drive decision-making, shape public narratives, and influence trust in institutions.

INTRODUCTION

**Dave Yost**, *Ohio Attorney General*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Angus Fletcher**, *PhD., Professor of Story Science, Project Narrative, The Ohio State University*

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2:20 pm – 3:20 pm **Are America’s Schools Prepared for Overdoses?**

This session will describe the current youth overdose landscape, identify policy gaps in school overdose preparedness, including naloxone access, staff training, overdose reporting and student education requirements and examine the national RESPONSE campaign legislation, policy frameworks, and implementation tools to support statewide school overdose preparedness.

MODERATOR

**John Formella**, *New Hampshire Attorney General*

PRESENTERS

**Stephen H. Anderson, MD, FACEP**, *The Naloxone Project*

**Holly Geyer, MD**, *Addiction Medicine Physician, Mayo Clinic*

**Don Stader, MD**, *Executive Director, The Naloxone Project*

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3:20 pm **Plenary Sessions Conclude for the Day**

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Reception for all attendees**

Meet us at the Hotel Bennett Rooftop for some old fashion Low Country samplings, along with a special presentation from the Hotel Bennet Chef! 404 King Street (.5 miles from the Charleston Place hotel)

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### Wednesday, April 15

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8:00 am – 9:00 am **SAGE Breakfast** – *Hampton*

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8:00 am – 9:00 am **Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff Breakfast** – *Fenwick*

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8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast for All Other Attendees** – *Cypress/Dogwood*

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9:05 am – 10:05 am **Behind the Price Tag: Giving Consumers Clarity in the Data-Driven Pricing Ecosystem**

From dynamic pricing to algorithmic and surveillance-based models, data-driven pricing is reshaping the marketplace in ways most consumers never see. This session offers a clear, accessible overview of the data-driven pricing ecosystem and examines how these tools impact consumer’s wallets, choices, and trust, as well as business competition. Panelists will also discuss recent federal and state attorney general actions aimed at boosting transparency, strengthening disclosures, and addressing potentially deceptive or unfair pricing tactics.

MODERATOR

**Kate Donovan**, *Director, Center for Consumer Protection, NAAG*

PANELISTS

**Drew Ambrogi**, *Policy Manager, Chamber of Progress*

**Sundeep Iyer**, *Executive Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Attorney General’s Office*

**Tom McBrien**, *Counsel, Electronic Information Privacy Center*

**Jason Straczewski**, *Group Vice President Government Relations and Political Affairs, National Retail Federation*

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10:05 am – 10:20 am **Break**

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10:25 am – 11:25 am **Legal Ethics Showdown: Trivia, Scenarios & Ethical Curveballs**  
This fast-paced, interactive one-hour session uses real-world hypotheticals and ethics-themed trivia to explore the core professional-responsibility issues facing attorneys general, AGO staff, and government-affairs professionals. Participants will test their knowledge of confidentiality, conflicts of interest, duties to the client agency, multijurisdictional practice, and communications with represented parties—all while earning CLE-eligible ethics credit.

PRESENTERS

**Kate Donovan**, Director, Consumer Protection, National Association of Attorneys General

**Jared Libet**, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, South Carolina Attorney General's Office

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11:30 am **Program Concludes**

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## Join us for the 2026 Presidential Summit

*“Driving Down Costs for American Families”*

July 29 – July 1 | Greenwich, Connecticut

**EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 6**