

## Eastern Region Meeting

### Strengthening Public Institutions Together

Sofitel Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square

September 29–30, 2026 | Philadelphia, PA

Tuesday, September 29 – *All sessions will take place in the Paris Ballroom*

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8:00 am – 9:00 am     **Breakfast and Registration**

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9:00 am – 9:20 am     **Welcome to Pennsylvania**

**Dan Schweitzer**, *Interim Executive Director, NAAG*

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

**Cherelle L. Parker**, *Mayor of Philadelphia*

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9:20 am – 10:00 am     **Fireside Chat with U.S. Senator David McCormick**

**MODERATOR**

**Dave Sunday**, *Pennsylvania Attorney General*

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10:00 am – 10:15 am     **BREAK**

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10:15 am – 11:15 am     **Protecting Our Seniors from Abusive and Exploitative Practices**

This session focuses on the vital role attorneys general play in combating elder abuse and exploitation, including strategies for prevention and both civil and criminal enforcement.

**MODERATOR**

**Derek Brown**, *Utah Attorney General*

**PANELISTS**

**Anabel Butler**, *Civil Rights & Elder Justice Section, District of Columbia Attorney General's Office*

**Elizabeth Schneider**, *Chief Deputy Attorney General, Elder Exploitation Section, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**Chantelle Smith**, *Elder Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice*

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11:15 am – 11:30 am     **BREAK**

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm     **Reducing Recidivism: A Focus on Reentry from Incarceration**

This session explores the importance of providing a path to success for people returning to society from jail or prison, the barriers to successful reentry, and strategies for overcoming those barriers.

**MODERATOR**

**Greg Rowe**, Senior Counsel to the Attorney General, *Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**PANELISTS**

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

**Jennifer Hammond**, *Deputy Secretary for Office of Reentry, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections*

**Amanda Leese**, *Chief Operating Officer, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley*

**Corie Priest**, *Director of Community Engagement, Delaware Attorney General's Office*

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12:30 pm – 1:30 pm     **Lunch**

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1:30 pm – 2:20 pm     **Rising Health Care Costs: Hospital Closures and Other Factors**

This session involves a research-based discussion of the factors leading to increased health care costs, including hospital closures, physician consolidation, and fraud.

**MODERATOR**

**Tracy Wertz**, *Chief Deputy Attorney General, Antitrust Section, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**SPEAKER**

**Leslie V. Gordon**, *Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office*

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2:20 pm – 2:35 pm     **BREAK**

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2:35 pm – 3:25 pm

#### **The Real Impact of Organized Retail Crime**

In this session, leaders in the attorney general community and the retail industry discuss the latest developments in organized retail crime as well as strategies for investigation and prosecution.

##### **MODERATOR**

**Ben Gilmore**, *Senior Advisor, Arkansas Attorney General's Office*

##### **PANELISTS**

**Lisa Rufolo**, *Senior Executive Vice President, Retail Industry Leaders Association*

**Patrick Schulte**, *Chief Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Division, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**Aaron Vitale**, *Supervisory Special Agent, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

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3:25 pm – 3:35 pm

#### **Wrap Up**

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7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

#### **Evening Reception with Culinary Stations**

The Franklin Institute

*Pepper Hall, Patent Library, and Wondrous Space 3*

222 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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8:00 am – 9:00 am      **Breakfast**

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9:00 am – 10:00 am      **Combating Human Trafficking and Exploitation**  
In this session, vanguards in the attorney general community and a survivor leader share tools, best practices, and challenges in fighting human trafficking and exploitation.

**MODERATOR**

**Jennifer Davenport**, *New Jersey Attorney General*

**PANELISTS**

**Jacquelyn Aluotto**, *President, No Trafficking Zone*

**Summer Ford Carroll**, *Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General, Human Trafficking Section, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**Rashida Prioleau**, *Section Chief, Child Protection Section II, District of Columbia Attorney General's Office*

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10:00 am – 10:15 am      **BREAK**

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10:15 am – 11:15 am      **Mental Health and the Law: Reframing the Narrative**  
This panel brings together leaders from the courts, law enforcement, behavioral health, and the attorney general community to explore emerging mental health challenges, promising approaches, and ways public institutions can work together to improve outcomes.

**MODERATOR**

**Drew Wrigley**, *North Dakota Attorney General*

**PANELISTS**

**Andrew Best, Jr. PhD.**, *Director of Health and Wellness, Philadelphia Police Department*

**Kevin Dougherty**, *Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice*

**Greg Rowe**, *Senior Counsel to the Attorney General, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office*

**Jack S. Rozel, MD**, *Clinical Chief for Crisis Services, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*

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11:15 am – 11:30 am      **Closing Remarks and Farewell**

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