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## **Attorney General Alliance Highlights:**

### **Nov 15, 2019 Cybersecurity Working Group Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona**

With an ever-increasing focus on cybersecurity, state attorneys general are turning their attention from discussions and dialogue, to action, prompting the formatting of our AGA Cybersecurity working group. At each working group meeting, the AGs and key technology staff set the stage with regard to the greatest issues they are facing. They also elaborate on what tools they have as constitutionally elected law enforcement officials to unleash on criminals. Private sector participants are also regularly asked to identify the biggest issues they are facing and what tools they have developed which might be part of a collaborative solution.

Our latest cybersecurity working group meeting also featured discussions on Attorney General authority and reviewed possible repercussions for AG powers and duties while discussing potential steps to preserve AGs' unique authority. This meeting was held on November 15, 2020 in Scottsdale, Arizona, with panels featuring topics on Attorney General authority; anti-fraud solutions and data privacy, AI and facial recognition; securing the cloud; data protection; international standards for data privacy and the hurdles & vulnerabilities of cybersecurity in the cannabis space.

### **Cannabis Policy Project**

The Attorney General Alliance Cannabis Project assembled an Advisory Council of public sector attorneys with an expertise in cannabis related laws and regulations. The Council represents a cross-section of Attorney General Offices and state regulatory offices. The Advisory Council will provide strategic recommendations on cannabis related issues emerging in jurisdictions across the



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U.S. and Canada. The Advisory Council will also increase multi-jurisdictional collaboration by sharing best practices specific to cannabis legislation, regulation, and litigation. Since its assembly, the Cannabis Policy Project has hosted numerous topical webinars, a cannabis roundtable event in Maryland and a larger summit in Virginia and is beginning to organize its largest event in Denver.

### **Jan 13 – 15 2020 Chair’s Initiative and Binational AG Exchange in Santa Fe, New Mexico**

For the Attorney General Alliance and our Alliance Partnership, it is essential to generate an exchange of opinions and experiences between our Mexico and the US and continue the excellent communication and collaboration that characterizes our institutional relationship. The Binational Exchange is always of paramount importance in further fostering dialogue between the two nations and thus implementing plans against organized crime on both sides of the border.

Among the topics covered, under the heading "Implementing Technology to Promote Social Justice," we explored the possibilities for promoting collaboration between privacy and security researchers, academia, industry representatives, consumers advocates, government and public safety agencies, with the goals of protecting children, families, and consumers; securing personal data; and combating human trafficking.

The agenda included round tables state-level on state-level actions to defend the integrity of personal data; protecting consumers and commerce in the age of hi-tech threats; data driven solutions for solving systemic issues; the use of social media in the confrontation of abuses in institutional settings; DNA and forensic science behind self-administering sexual rape evidence collection kits; and



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combating human trafficking with technological tools such as data analysis, among others; prosecution in the face of cyberattack and data cyberhijacking.

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