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**The Honorable Patrick C. Lynch
CWAG Alliance Partnership Advisory Board**

Serving from 2003 to 2011, Patrick C. Lynch was the 72nd person to hold the office of Rhode Island attorney general since its inception in 1650. Mr. Lynch, during his tenure as Rhode Island's attorney general, was the first attorney general in state history to serve as the president of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). A special assistant attorney general from 1994 to 1999, he prosecuted cases at every level of Rhode Island's criminal justice system and led the state's prosecution of gang-related offenses. Mr. Lynch worked for one of Rhode Island's top law firms until the 2002 election, which capped his first campaign for public office.

An emphasis of his two terms as the attorney general, Mr. Lynch had a strong voice in the shaping of legislation aimed at toughening the state's criminal justice system, advancing the rights of victims and affording additional protections to consumers. Mr. Lynch made reducing juvenile crime the centerpiece of his administration, believing that the career criminals of tomorrow start off as the youth offenders of today.

Mr. Lynch is currently the president of the Patrick Lynch Group -- a strategic planning firm located in Providence, Rhode Island -- focusing on government affairs, public affairs and business development.

A 1987 graduate of Brown University, Mr. Lynch earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School. While playing professional basketball in Belfast, Northern Ireland, he also participated in graduate studies at Queen's University School of Law.