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Karen White is the Executive Director of the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG). She is responsible for executing the mission and vision of the CWAG Attorneys General. CWAG consists of 18 Western States and Pacific Territories and dozens of associate member States from across the country.

Ms. White focuses on developing resources which enhance the Attorneys General's ability to obtain, exchange and utilize information regarding issues of particular importance to the membership. Ms. White implements programs and seminars, supports communication between and amongst the offices of the member and associate member states, and fosters a broad range of beneficial relationships.

The cultivation of CWAG's network of chief legal officers and staff has resulted in the organization's national reputation for legal excellence on matters which fall within the purview of Attorneys General. The Conference is recognized as a leader in facilitating conversations between public officials, the private sector and other interested entities on topics ranging from natural resources to the environment, from cyber security to criminal law matters, and from financial fraud to consumer protection.

Ms. White is also responsible for building relationships between the Attorneys General and outside entities including local, state and federal partners and the business community. Additionally, Ms. White leads an international program of collaboration with legal officials from regional and State governments, including Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Eastern Europe and Africa. She directs the Conference's efforts to facilitate cultural exchanges, initiate relationships and expedite the sharing of information on transnational issues

Under Ms. White's leadership, the Conference partnered with the United States Department of State, Mexican State and Federal Governments and other public and private entities to initiate a rule of law program, the CWAG Alliance Partnership. Since its inception in 2006, this innovative peer-to-peer training and exchange program has connected over 27,000 law enforcement officials in Mexico and the United States.

Karen White has worked at CWAG on behalf of the Attorneys General for 27 years. She began her career with CWAG as a law school intern doing legal research, moved on to serve as the Association's Meeting Planner and then the Deputy Director. In the summer of 2006 Ms. White became the Executive Director of CWAG. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, having studied Business and Political Science with a pre-law emphasis. Ms. White attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California and received her JD from Concord University. Karen and her husband Ron have three children and are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year of marriage.