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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO NAMED CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL CHAIR

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto will serve as the 2012-2013 chair for the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) following a ceremony during the annual meeting held in Anaheim, California.

“It is an honor to be given the opportunity to lead the Conference of Western Attorneys General,” said Masto. “I look forward to continuing my efforts with CWAG in the upcoming year and working with my colleagues to shed light on issues that we face.”

Masto, who will serve as chair through July 2013, was the 2011-2012 CWAG Vice Chair. Her role marks only the 3rd time in the organization’s 44-year history that a Nevada attorney general has held the position. Frankie Sue Del Papa served as the most recent CWAG chair from 1994-1995.

The [Conference of Western Attorneys General \(CWAG\)](#) is a bipartisan group comprised of the attorneys general of 15 western states and three Pacific territories. CWAG, founded in 1968, addresses emerging legal topics along with focusing on common areas of interest to the west: water, fish and wildlife, public lands, minerals, environmental protection and Indian law. CWAG's primary function is to provide a forum for chief legal officers of member states and jurisdictions to cultivate knowledge, cooperate on concerns and coordinate actions which improve the quality of legal services available to members.

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