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**Attorney General Mark Bennett to Co-Chair National Antitrust Committee**

(HONOLULU) The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) has named Hawaii Attorney General Mark Bennett as Co-Chair of the NAAG Antitrust Committee. The Antitrust Committee plays a leading role in vigorous state and multistate enforcement of antitrust laws, and a leading role in coordinating multistate antitrust litigation. The committee also works to foster information exchange, training, and education on all aspects of state antitrust enforcement.

"I have long practiced in and had a great interest in the field of antitrust law, and I am honored by the confidence placed in me by my colleagues, the attorneys general of each of our sister states," Bennett said. "I strongly believe that the enforcement of state antitrust laws by attorneys general plays a very important role in maintaining free, fair, and open competition, and is a crucial component of America's free market economy."

NAAG President and Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter worked with the state attorneys general to select the 2005 NAAG committee leadership. In making this appointment, Carter praised the leadership of Attorney General Bennett and thanked him for his continued effort to foster interstate cooperation and communication in the area of antitrust. "As the chief legal officers of the states, attorneys general have a responsibility to work together and protect consumers and public health and safety. Through the leadership of Attorney General Bennett, we will work to serve the public interest," Carter said.

The National Association of Attorneys General was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and to assist in the delivery of high quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions. NAAG fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues and facilitates communication between the states' chief legal officers and all levels of government.

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