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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SALLY Q. YATES TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL NATIONAL CONSORTIUM SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice will host the Right to Counsel National Consortium Second Annual Meeting on **TUESDAY, OCT. 25**. Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates will deliver remarks as will Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason of the Office of Justice Programs, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the Civil Rights Division, Director Lisa Foster of Office for Access to Justice and Director Denise O'Donnell of the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance. Other Justice Department officials and professionals from the field will also participate in the Consortium.

The Consortium's mission is to inform and engage policymakers, criminal justice stakeholders, and the community on the importance of carrying out the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance established the Consortium to provide long-term engagement with all stakeholders in the criminal justice system with a multi-dimensional strategy to improve public defense delivery systems. The meeting will bring together state and local criminal justice leaders; executive directors from partner organizations and non-profit organizations; and representatives from foundations and the community.

WHAT: Right to Counsel National Consortium Second Annual Meeting

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
9:00 a.m. EDT
FULL AGENDA AT WWW.BJA.GOV

WHERE: U.S. Department of Justice
Great Hall
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
OPEN PRESS
LIVESTREAMED ON [JUSTICE.GOV/LIVE-STREAM](https://www.justice.gov/live-stream)

AGENDA: 9:00 a.m. EDT: Welcome and Keynote
Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates
Director Lisa Foster of Office for Access to Justice
Director Denise O'Donnell of the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of
Justice Assistance

12:30 p.m. EDT: Plenary Luncheon Session
Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason of the Office of Justice
Programs
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the
Civil Rights Division

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