

Strengthening the Role of Legislative Oversight
Presented by the CSG West Legislative Oversight Working Group

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1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (EST)

State legislatures have a constitutional role to hold state government accountable through legislative oversight. In this role, they are responsible for ensuring tax dollars are spent wisely, programs are achieving intended goals, and monitoring agencies as laws are implemented. Equally important to the passing of legislation, oversight provides a critical safeguard to the checks and balances in our democratic system of governance. Highlighting the importance of this work, this session will provide a brief overview of legislative oversight, tips and tools to establish effective oversight processes, and perspectives from policymakers.

- 1:00 p.m.
(EST) **Welcome**
Assemblymember Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
Co-Chair, CSG West Legislative Oversight Working Group
- 1:10 p.m.
(EST) **An Overview of Legislative Oversight**
Jim Townsend
Director
Levin Center at Wayne State University School of Law
- Ben Eikey
Manager, State Training and Communications
Levin Center at Wayne State University School of Law
- Elise Bean
Director, Washington Office
Levin Center at Wayne State University School of Law
- 1:45 p.m.
(EST) **Panel Conversation**
Assemblymember Dan Quart
New York State Assembly
Chair, Commission on Administrative Regulations Review
- Senator Sarah Elfreth
Maryland State Senate
Chair, Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review
- Senator Dan Johnson
Idaho State Senate
Chair, Local Government & Taxation Committee
- 2:30 p.m.
(EST) **Adjourn**