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Wichita, Kansas - Prosecutors from 22 states, including Kansas, met February 2-4 in Washington D.C. to discuss the changing role of prosecutors nationally. District Attorney Marc Bennett is part of the Kansas Best Practices Committee started last year by Chief Deputy District Attorney Kim Parker. The committee was formed to foster greater collaboration among prosecutors, law enforcement officers and the community at large. The National Meeting of Statewide Best Practices Committees was held to discuss the progress made by committees throughout the country.

The Kansas delegation included Mr. Bennett, Ms. Parker, Douglas County District Attorney Charles Branson, Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, Anderson and Osage County Attorney Brandon Jones, Thomas County Attorney Kevin Berens and Assistant Kansas Attorney General Amy Handley.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch spoke to the group regarding programs she has implemented and answered questions.

Attendees discussed the changing role of the prosecutor. Participants shared the ways in which their jobs have evolved in recent years, including increased community outreach and alternatives to incarceration.

The Kansas prosecutors also met with U.S. Representatives Mike Pompeo, Kevin Yoder, Lynn Jenkins and Tim Huelskamp along with U.S. Senator Pat Roberts to discuss federal legislation that affects prosecutors and Kansas communities.

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