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# State AGs Expand Consumer Work as Prices Rise and Trump Guts Federal Protections

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[Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's [State Attorneys General](#) Practice, was quoted in the July 27, 2026, *Stateline* article, "[State AGs Expand Consumer Work as Prices Rise and Trump Guts Federal Protections](#)."

"It means enforcement is moving closer to home," said Ashley Taylor, a partner at law firm Troutman Pepper Locke. His work includes helping clients with compliance issues, government investigations and enforcement efforts brought by state AGs. Though states are working less with the federal government, he said, companies haven't seen a drop in regulation — instead, they face the prospect of highly coordinated state investigations and lawsuits.

Democratic and Republican attorneys general have hired former CFPB employees, expanded their consumer protection staff and budgets for outside counsel, and increasingly specialize in different areas of business law. Indiana and Illinois, for example, have built a reputation for investigating data breaches and privacy issues, Taylor said.

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"That's a whole different world," Taylor said. "If you're in business, if you have a consumer protection concern, an antitrust concern, or privacy concern, it's nonpartisan, completely nonpartisan."

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