

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor – April 16, 2026

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## Troutman Pepper Locke Spotlight

### State Attorneys General and Continued Enforcement Against ‘Junk Fees’ in 2026

By [Clayton Friedman](#), [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), [Namrata Kang](#), and [Kyara Rivera Rivera](#)

“Junk fees” have become a central political and regulatory buzzword in recent years. The term generally refers to extra charges tacked onto purchases — such as convenience, service, resort, or handling fees — that are either not disclosed, or not clearly disclosed, in the initial advertised price. These charges often only appear late in the transaction process, a pricing tactic commonly known as “drip pricing.”

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### Navigating Multistate State AG Investigations: From First CID to Final Settlement

By [Clayton Friedman](#) and [Jessica Birdsong](#)

State attorneys general are some of the most active regulators in the country, particularly in consumer protection, antitrust, privacy, and emerging technology. For many companies, the first sign of contact is a civil investigative demand (CID) or subpoena from a single state. For others, the first contact is a call from outside counsel alerting them that a coalition of AGs is already coordinating a multistate investigation.

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## **Regulatory Oversight Podcast**

### **AI State Regulatory Frontiers: Predictive, Generative, and Agentic Risk**

By [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#)

In this episode of *Regulatory Oversight*, co-host Ashley Taylor, co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's State Attorneys General team, kicks off a multipart series on artificial intelligence (AI) with guests Gurkan Ay and Andrew Coles of Resolution Economics. They unpack what people really mean by "AI" today and why it is critical for risk, compliance, and legal exposure to distinguish among the three primary "flavors" of AI: predictive, generative, and agentic. In practical terms, they explain how predictive tools that score, rank, and classify individuals rely on historical data, how generative AI enables natural-language interaction but introduces risks like hallucinations, and how emerging agentic AI can autonomously plan and execute complex, multistep workflows, creating new governance challenges.

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## **AG of the Week**

### **Kathy Jennings, Delaware**

Kathy Jennings has served as Delaware's 46th attorney general (AG) since January 1, 2019, and was reelected in 2022.

A Wilmington native, she is a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, the University of Delaware, and Villanova University Law School.

Jennings began her career at the Delaware Department of Justice, where she served as a prosecutor, state prosecutor, and chief deputy attorney general, and helped create the Consumer Fraud Division.

She later entered private practice with former AG Charles Oberly, representing individuals and companies in criminal, regulatory, and civil matters, before returning to the Department of Justice in 2011. In 2017, she was appointed chief administrative officer of New Castle County, concurrently serving as public safety director with oversight of the county police department, paramedics, and 911 communications.

Jennings has two adult children: a daughter in Wilmington and a son in Baltimore.

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## **Upcoming AG Events**

- April: AGA | International Delegation | Ireland
- May: RAGA | ERC Retreat | Sea Island, GA
- May: NAAG | Spring Consumer Protection Conference | Kansas City, MO

For more on upcoming AG Events, [click here](#).

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