

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor — January 16, 2025

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State attorneys general increasingly impact businesses in all industries. Our nationally recognized [state AG team](#) has been trusted by clients for more than 20 years to navigate their most complicated state AG investigations and enforcement actions.

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## TROUTMAN PEPPER LOCKE SPOTLIGHT

### TROUTMAN PEPPER LOCKE PARTNER ASHLEY TAYLOR CO-EDITS ABA BOOK ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND THE RISE OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT

*Comprehensive Guide Offers Insights Into Enforcement Actions, Challenges, and Priorities*

[Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's nationally ranked State Attorneys General Practice, co-edited a new book published by the American Bar Association titled "**Consumer Protection: Understanding Enforcement Actions Brought by State Attorneys General.**" Given the growing regulatory power of state attorneys general in highly regulated industries, companies are at risk of bet-the-company government investigations, enforcement actions, and high-stakes litigation.

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## STATE AG UPDATES

### U.S. SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO OVERTURN NEW YORK'S AFFORDABLE BROADBAND ACT

By [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#) and [Dascher Pasco](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court closed out 2024 by confirming states' authority to regulate internet service providers. On December 16, 2024, the Court denied certiorari in *New York State Telecommunications Association, Inc., et al. v. Attorney General Letitia James*, Case No. 21-1975, allowing New York's Affordable Broadband Act (ABA) to stand.

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## **OREGON ISSUES AI GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES**

By [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#)

As one of her last acts in office, on December 24, 2024, Oregon Attorney General (AG) Ellen Rosenblum issued guidance for businesses deploying artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. The guidance highlights the risks associated with the commercial use of AI, and underscores that, despite the absence of a specific AI law in Oregon, a company's use of AI must still comply with existing laws.

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## **NEW YEAR, NEW LIABILITY FOR PRIVATE EQUITY**

By [Allison O'Neil](#), [Warren Myers](#), [Colleen O'Connor](#), and [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#)

*Newly Signed Massachusetts Law Ramps up Regulation and AG Liability for Private Equity Investments in Health Care*

Private equity firms and health care companies operating in Massachusetts will now face enhanced liability risks following the recent passage and enactment of legislation regulating private equity investment in Massachusetts health care. This new law greatly expands the authority of the Massachusetts attorney general (AG) and other state health care regulators to examine the involvement of private equity funds and other "significant investors" in the state's health care sector. Here's what you need to know.

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## **AG OF THE WEEK**

### **JASON MIYARES, VIRGINIA**

AG Jason Miyares' story doesn't start in Virginia, but in Havana, Cuba, when his mother, Miriam Miyares, fled communist Cuba, penniless and homeless. A product of Virginia public schools, Jason graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from James Madison University and a J.D. from the College of William and Mary School of Law.

After serving for three terms in the state legislature, he ran and was elected the 48th AG of Virginia in November 2021. He also previously served as a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Office, where he worked alongside law enforcement to keep the community safe.

Miyares is the first Hispanic American to be elected to a statewide office in Virginia, and the first child of an immigrant to be AG. Since his inauguration in January 2022, Miyares has focused on fighting violent crime and improving public safety, strengthening economic growth, combatting the deadly impact of opioids and fentanyl, and protecting Virginians from corporate misconduct.

## Virginia AG in the News:

- On January 8, Miyares [announced](#) that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Virginia's right to regulate hemp-derived products with intoxicating THC levels, preventing the sale of counterfeit THC products marketed to children.
- On December 3, Miyares [shared](#) tips to help Virginians avoid charity scams.

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## UPCOMING AG EVENTS

- January: RAGA | Winter National Meeting | Austin, TX
- February: DAGA | Los Angeles Policy Conference | Los Angeles, CA
- February: RAGA | Victory Fund Ski Retreat | Big Sky, MT

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