

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor – March 13, 2025

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## Troutman Pepper Locke Spotlight

### THE PEOPLE’S PROTECTOR: A CONVERSATION WITH AG JASON MIYARES

By [Stephen C. Piepgrass](#) and Chuck Slemp

In this episode of *Regulatory Oversight*, Chuck Slemp welcomes his former boss, Virginia Attorney General (AG) Jason Miyares. With more than two decades of shared history, Chuck and Jason delve into a candid conversation about their journey from young professionals in the AG’s office to their current roles. Jason shares his inspiring journey from intern to becoming the first Hispanic AG of Virginia and the first child of an immigrant to hold the office.

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## Multistate Updates

### FTC, STATES SUE JOHN DEERE IN RIGHT TO REPAIR LAWSUIT

By [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#), [Stephen C. Piepgrass](#), [Bradley Weber](#), [Christy Matelis](#), and [Daniel Waltz](#)

On January 15, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Minnesota, and Illinois filed a lawsuit against Deere & Company (Deere). The complaint, which Michigan, Wisconsin, and Arizona have since joined, accuses Deere of creating and maintaining a repair services monopoly and engaging in anticompetitive business practices that interfere with farmers’ rights to repair their Deere agricultural equipment in violation of federal and state antitrust

laws.

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## Single State Updates

### MASSACHUSETTS AG CAMPBELL RELEASES “JUNK” FEES AND AUTO-RENEWAL REGULATIONS

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

Massachusetts Attorney General (AG) Andrea Joy Campbell [announced](#) Massachusetts’ new consumer protection [regulations](#) prohibiting “junk fees” and providing consumers with greater transparency regarding trial and subscription offers, prohibiting unfair marketing tactics that obscure the true cost of a product or service. The regulations are intended to help consumers understand the total cost of products and services at the outset of a transaction, avoid fees, and make it easier to cancel unwanted costs associated with trial and subscription offers.

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### NEW YORK AG JAMES REACHES \$16.75M SETTLEMENT WITH DOORDASH FOR ALLEGEDLY MISLEADING TIP PRACTICES

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

The New York Attorney General’s (AG) Office announced a \$16.75 million [settlement](#) with DoorDash, the prominent delivery platform. The settlement relates to claims that DoorDash misled both consumers and delivery workers (Dashers) regarding the handling of tips. Specifically, AG Letitia James alleged that DoorDash employed a guaranteed pay model that was supposed to ensure that delivery workers knew their pay upfront. However, DoorDash allegedly used the model to redirect customer tips to subsidize the wages the company had guaranteed to the Dashers. Instead of giving Dashers the full tips as intended, the tips were used to reduce DoorDash’s payment obligations that were needed to satisfy the guaranteed payment amount.

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## AG of the Week

### DEREK BROWN, UTAH

Derek Brown was elected Utah’s attorney general (AG) in the November 2024 election. Brown is a seasoned Utah attorney who previously served as chairman of the Utah Republican Party. After earning a B.A. in English, with minors in business administration and music, he accepted an offer to attend law school. However, he and his wife, Emilie, embarked on a transformative journey by deferring for a year to travel. Upon their return, Brown embraced opportunities as an intern at the Utah Legislature and at the Office of the AG under Jan Graham, laying the groundwork for a meaningful career dedicated to serving others.

During his tenure in the Utah House of Representatives, Brown served on the House Rules, Judiciary, and Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committees. In 2010, he was elected to the Utah House of Representatives. At

the request of Senator Mike Lee, he left the legislature to serve as Lee's deputy chief of staff and state director in January 2014. He dedicated two years to advancing Lee's mission before returning to the private sector.

Brown graduated from Pepperdine School of Law, where he was the editor-in-chief of the *Law Review* and clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has practiced law with top law firms, specializing in litigation and appellate practice.

Brown also served as legal counsel to Senator Bob Bennett from 2004 to 2006 and then to Senator Orrin Hatch from 2006 to 2007, contributing his expertise to the nation's governance. Transitioning back to the private sector, Brown embraced the opportunity to teach communications law as an adjunct professor at Brigham Young University, shaping the minds of future leaders.

In 2019, he was elected chair of the Republican Party, serving until 2021. After two more years in the private sector, Brown announced his campaign in winter 2023 and dedicated himself wholeheartedly, culminating in his election on November 5, 2024.

Today, Brown and his wife, Emilie, are proud parents of four children and reside in Cottonwood Heights.

#### **Utah AG in the News:**

- On March 10, the AG's Justice Division [charged](#) multiple defendants related to alleged forgery and forgery-related charges concerning candidate petitions.
- On February 19, Brown [announced](#) that Utah and 37 states are urging the FDA to take action against illegal sales of counterfeit GLP-1S.

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#### **Upcoming AG Events**

- March: AGA | Women's Empowerment Summit | Del Mar, CA
- March: RAGA | Spring Golf Retreat | Pinehurst, NC
- April: NAAG | AG Symposium | Nashville, TN

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

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