

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor – March 19, 2026

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## Multistate AG News

### State AGs Settlement With WeChat Requiring Proactive Anti-Fentanyl Money Laundering Controls

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

A bipartisan coalition of seven state attorneys general (AG) reached a settlement with the Chinese-owned messaging and payment platform WeChat under which the company committed to take steps to combat the use of its platform in fentanyl-related money laundering. The agreement focuses on improving law enforcement cooperation, preserving and producing user data in response to law enforcement requests, and proactively detecting illicit activity on the service. The settlement is part of a broader enforcement campaign by state AGs to push online platforms to adopt proactive measures to monitor illicit activity on their services and improve cooperation with law enforcement.

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### State AGs Reject Federal Live Nation Deal and Press Ahead

By [Chris Carlson](#), [Clayton Friedman](#), [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), and [William LaRosa](#)

State attorneys general (AGs) from across the political spectrum have refused to join the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) midtrial settlement with Live Nation. The bipartisan multistate coalition vowed to "keep fighting this case without the federal government," underscoring that state AGs are increasingly prepared to part with the

DOJ and take the lead in complex enforcement actions.

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## Single State AG News

### Algorithmic and Surveillance-Based Pricing in State AGs' Crosshairs

By [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#), [David Navetta](#), [Karla Ballesteros](#), and [Brianna Dally](#)

On March 16, 2026, New York Attorney General (AG) Letitia James [rallied](#) in support of the “One Fair Price Package” — a pair of bills aimed at curbing algorithmic and surveillance pricing in New York. Together, the bills would prohibit the use of personalized algorithmic pricing based on consumer data, ban electronic shelf labels in large food and drug retailers, and create robust enforcement mechanisms and private rights of action. The announcement from New York comes shortly after New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill backed legislation to ban what she has called “surveillance” pricing, and after California Attorney General Rob Bonta [announced](#) an investigative sweep focused on businesses that use consumer data to individualize prices for their goods or services earlier this year.

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## AG of the Week

### Phil Weiser, Colorado

Phil Weiser has served as Colorado's 39th AG since January 2019 and was reelected in 2022. Early in his tenure, he worked with the legislature to strengthen the Colorado Consumer Protection Act, expanding the office's authority to address scams and unfair or deceptive practices.

Before his election, Weiser was dean and the Hatfield professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School, where he founded the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship and co-chaired the Colorado Innovation Council.

At the federal level, he served in senior roles at the U.S. Department of Justice and on the National Economic Council, focusing on technology, innovation, and competition policy, and earlier as senior counsel in the Antitrust Division.

Weiser clerked for Justices Byron R. White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court and for Judge David Ebel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

He lives in Denver with his wife, Dr. Heidi Wald, and their two children.

### Colorado AG in the News:

- Weiser, joined by 20 AGs and the governor of Kentucky, is [urging](#) the Federal Highway Administration to withdraw a proposal that would require EV chargers funded with federal dollars to be made with 100% U.S.

components. They argue that the proposal is unlawful and impractical, would halt or delay federally funded charging projects, and would undermine existing investments, and that the current 55% domestic content standard better balances support for American manufacturing with timely deployment of a national EV charging network.

- Weiser and a coalition of AGs are [suing](#) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) over new guidance that threatens to cut funding and impose unlawful conditions on state and local fair housing agencies for enforcing state protections — such as those based on sexual orientation, gender identity, language, criminal history, and source of income — arguing that these actions violate the U.S. Constitution and the Administrative Procedure Act and would severely weaken fair housing enforcement and increase discrimination.
- Weiser joined a multistate coalition [suing](#) the Trump administration over newly expanded Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reporting requirements — adopted to monitor universities' compliance with the Supreme Court's Students for Fair Admissions decision — arguing that the rushed, unauthorized data demands are unlawful, excessively burdensome, threaten student privacy, and convert a statistical system into an improper civil rights enforcement tool.

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## Upcoming AG Events

- April: NAAG | Annual Meeting | Charleston, SC
- April: AGA | International Delegation | TBD
- May: RAGA | ERC Retreat | Sea Island, GA

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

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