

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor – March 20, 2025

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## Multistate AG Updates

### STATE AGS ALLEGE BITCOIN ATMS INCREASINGLY FACILITATE SCAMS

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

Recent actions by the Pennsylvania and Iowa state attorneys general (AG) suggest increasing regulatory scrutiny of bitcoin transaction machines (BTMs) in connection with the role they allegedly play in facilitating scams. In Pennsylvania, AG David Sunday issued a consumer alert, warning Pennsylvanians that scammers are using BTMs to gain access to their money. In Iowa, AG Brenna Bird brought two lawsuits against Bitcoin Depot and CoinFlip, Iowa's two largest BTM operators, over alleged collection of illegal fees and failures that allowed Iowans to send millions of dollars to scammers through their kiosks.

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## Single State AG Updates

### WASHINGTON AG ACCUSES COLLECTION AGENCY OF VIOLATING NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR COLLECTING MEDICAL DEBT

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

The Washington State Attorney General's (AG) Office filed a [lawsuit](#) against [Renton Collections Inc.](#), accusing the company of violating Washington's Collection Agency Act by failing to include certain disclosures in their collection letters to debtors.

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## **NEW JERSEY DIVISION ON CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES FINDING OF PROBABLY CAUSE AGAINST CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY FOR DISCRIMINATION**

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

On March 11, New Jersey Attorney General (AG) Matthew Platkin and the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (DCR) announced that DCR issued a finding of probable cause against Advance Funding Partners/Same Day Funding (Advance Funding), a company that provides cash advances and consumer loans, alleging that it violated the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination by discriminating against both consumers and employees.

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### **AG of the Week**

#### **ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL, MASSACHUSETTS**

On January 18, 2023, Andrea Joy Campbell was sworn in to be the 45th attorney general (AG) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She pledged to build economic prosperity and stability for all residents, prioritize the mental health and well-being of children, stop cycles of incarceration and violence, and ensure the people across the Commonwealth have access to the AG's office regardless of their zip code, language, or ability.

Campbell graduated from Boston Latin School and then worked her way through college with the help of grants and student loans, eventually graduating from Princeton University and UCLA Law School. After earning her law degree, she worked as a legal services attorney for the EdLaw project, defending the rights of children and their families, particularly those with disabilities. She then practiced law at Proskauer LLP as an employment attorney before leaving to serve the public as general counsel at the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. In this role, she worked across 101 cities and towns to address regional challenges such as health care access, transportation, affordable housing, and climate change.

Campbell also served as legal counsel to Governor Deval Patrick, working to improve education and transportation systems and advance an agenda of equity across the state. In 2015, she successfully ran for the Boston City Council becoming the first woman to represent District 4 on the Council. Her first piece of legislation was the Community Preservation Act, which continues to generate more than \$20 million annually for new affordable housing, historical preservation, and parks and open space. In 2018, she was unanimously elected city council president — the first Black woman to hold the title.

#### **Massachusetts AG in the News:**

- On March 12, Campbell [announced](#) indictments against several MassHealth providers in connection with alleged fraud and kickback arrangements that collectively resulted in the submission of over \$7.8 million in false claims to MassHealth.
- On March 12, Campbell [led a coalition](#) of 17 AGs in filing an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to affirm a lower court's decision recognizing Medicaid recipients' individual right to receive care from the

qualified providers of their choice.

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## Upcoming AG Events

- March: RAGA | Spring Golf Retreat | Pinehurst, NC
- April: NAAG | AG Symposium | Nashville, TN
- April: RAGA | Energy Summit | Houston, TX

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