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Troutman Pepper Locke Spotlight

TROUTMAN PEPPER LOCKE RECEIVES UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AS 52 ATTORNEYS GENERAL FILE AMICUS BRIEF TO PROTECT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

By [Misha Tseytlin](#), [Timothy McHugh](#), [Mary Grace Metcalfe](#), [Jeff Johnson](#), [Lauren Hancock Miller](#), and [Trey Smith](#)

In a remarkable display of unity, a bipartisan coalition of the attorneys general for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands filed an amicus curiae brief in support of Troutman Pepper Locke and Dominion Energy's petition for extraordinary relief in the matter of *Yoon v. Collins*, which continues the fight for veterans' denied educational benefits.

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RISE PRACTICE GROUP MEMBERS SELECTED TO *LAW360* 2025 EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARDS

We are pleased to announce that RISE Partners [Ashley Taylor](#) and Jean Gonnell have been selected to serve on *Law360*'s editorial advisory boards this year. Ashley will contribute his expertise to the Consumer Protection Advisory Board, while Jean will lend her insights to the Cannabis Advisory Board. We congratulate them, along with the other Troutman Pepper Locke attorneys who have been chosen for their respective boards. [Continue reading](#) for a full list of Troutman Pepper Locke attorneys selected to serve on *Law360* editorial advisory boards this year.

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THE FUTURE OF AUTO DEALERSHIP COMPLIANCE: A CONVERSATION WITH TOM KLINE

By [Stephen C. Piepgrass](#), [Brooke Conkle](#), and [Chris Capurso](#)

This episode of *Regulatory Oversight* spotlights recent *Moving the Metal* episode “The Future of Auto Dealership Compliance: A Conversation With Tom Kline.” In this episode, Brooke Conkle and Chris Capurso from Troutman Pepper Locke’s Consumer Financial Services Practice Group are joined by Tom Kline, lead consultant and founder of Better Vantage Point. Tom shares his extensive experience in the auto industry, discusses the implications of the recent vacating of the CARS Rule by the Fifth Circuit, and provides insights into the most common compliance challenges faced by dealers. He also delves into the importance of having a robust compliance program and the evolving regulatory landscape. Additionally, Tom talks about his book, *Tuck the Octopus*, which offers valuable strategies for managing dealership operations and mitigating risks. Tune in to gain expert perspectives on staying compliant and competitive in the auto finance industry.

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Multistate AG Updates

UNPACKING THE ILLICIT E-CIGARETTE CRACKDOWN BY STATE AGS

By [Chris Carlson](#), [Michael Jordan](#), and [Zie Alere](#)

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In mid-January, a bipartisan coalition of nine state attorneys general, as well as the Washington, D.C., attorney general, announced a coordinated effort to curb illicit electronic cigarette sales. The attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Ohio and Washington, D.C., are coordinating enforcement activity targeting dealers of these products — issuing warning letters, serving civil investigative demands and filing complaints.

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Single State AG Updates

INDIANA AG AND GAMING COMMISSION WARN CONSUMERS ABOUT ILLEGAL GAMBLING ADS

By [Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Team](#), and [Blake Christopher](#)

Indiana Attorney General (AG) Todd Rokita recently partnered with the Indiana Gaming Commission to alert consumers about advertisements for illegal gambling.

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CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES MUST CONSIDER AUTO-RENEWAL LAW CHANGES

By [Clayton Friedman](#), [Michael Yaghi](#), and [Natalia Jacobo](#)

Troutman Pepper Locke attorneys assess the evolution of California's auto-renewal law and the impact of these amendments on businesses and consumers.

California's Auto Renewal [Law](#) is one of the most comprehensive laws applying to businesses offering automatic renewal or continuous service subscriptions in the country. Notable changes over the past few years—including new measures going into effect in July—mean businesses need to stay alert to comply if they sell any consumer goods or services to consumers through subscription programs that automatically renew.

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AG of the Week

DAVE YOST, OHIO

Dave Yost was re-elected as Ohio's 51st AG on November 8, 2022, receiving more votes than any AG in the state's history. His tenure has been marked by a commitment to upholding the rule of law, protecting individual liberties, and fostering economic growth.

Yost has defended constitutional rights and has been an advocate for various policies aimed at protecting children and families. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he defended the freedoms of small businesses and religious institutions, successfully challenging federally mandated vaccines at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before his tenure as AG, Yost served a Delaware County prosecutor and Ohio state auditor, where he fought public corruption and identified significant taxpayer savings. He holds degrees from the Ohio State University and Capital University Law School. Beyond his professional achievement, he is a musician and proud member of Buckeye Nation, residing in Columbus with his wife, Darlene. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

Ohio AG in the News:

- On March 21, Yost [announced](#) that two Ohio pension funds have been appointed by a Delaware judge as co-lead plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit over Boeing's alleged safety failures.
- On March 21, Yost [announced](#) a lawsuit against a remodeling company for allegedly defrauding homeowners by providing incomplete or poor-quality work.
- On March 19, Yost [announced](#) a lawsuit against a luxury home décor retailer after hundreds of customers reported paying for furnishings that never arrived.

Upcoming AG Events

- April: NAAG | AG Symposium | Nashville, TN
- April: RAGA | Energy Summit | Houston, TX
- April: AGA | International Delegation | Rome, Italy

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