

# Troutman Pepper Locke State Attorneys General Monitor – May 14, 2026

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## Troutman Pepper Locke Spotlight

### High Court Clarity On Subpoenas Creates Murky Path For AGs

By [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#)

Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke’s State Attorneys General Practice Group, was quoted in the May 5, 2026, *Law360* article, “[High Court Clarity On Subpoenas Creates Murky Path For AGs](#).”

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### What Compliance Professionals Need to Know About the Prediction Market Legal Turf War

By [Stephen C. Piegrass](#)

*This article was originally published in [Dow Jones Risk Journal](#) on May 4, 2026.*

Prediction markets allow users to trade event contracts on real-world events, such as election outcomes, sporting events and even the highest temperature in New York City today. Seemingly overnight, they have achieved mainstream prominence. Since 2025, Kalshi’s user base alone has grown from approximately 600,000 to more than 5,000,000.

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## **Regulatory Oversight Podcast Updates**

### **AI State Regulatory Frontiers: Inside the New Wave of State AI Laws**

By [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), [Ghillaine Reid](#), [David Stauss](#), and [Matthew Berns](#)

In this episode of *Regulatory Oversight*, host Ashley Taylor continues the multipart series on artificial intelligence with colleagues Ghillaine Reid, David Stauss, and Matt Berns for a practical look at how states are actually regulating AI in 2025-26. Framed through a consumer protection lens, the discussion moves beyond theoretical federal proposals to real bills and regulations moving through state legislatures today.

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## **Single-State AG News**

### **Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost Announces Resignation**

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

On May 7, 2026, Ohio Attorney General (AG) Dave Yost announced his resignation after having served in the role since 2019.

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### **Washington State Sues Albertsons and Safeway Over Pricing**

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

On April 27, 2026, Washington's attorney general (AG) filed suit against Albertsons and Safeway, accusing the grocery chains of inflating prices before "buy one, get one free" (BOGO) promotions — allegedly pocketing nearly \$20 million from unsuspecting shoppers. The complaint, filed in King County Superior Court, alleges roughly 3.1 million transactions were affected between October 2019 and May 2024.

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### **Lessons on Consumer Fraud Penalties and the Impact of Federal Deregulation From a New Jersey Auto Dealer Case**

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

In a series of recent rulings, a New Jersey trial court imposed more than \$10 million in penalties against an auto dealer found to have committed more than 500 violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act in a case filed by the Attorney General (AG) and Division of Consumer Affairs — only to slash those penalties by more than 98% after granting two motions for reconsideration.

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## AG of the Week

### Tim Griffin, Arkansas

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th attorney general (AG) of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th lieutenant governor from 2015 to 2023. From 2011 to 2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas' Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics, and House Committee on the Judiciary, while also serving as a deputy whip for the majority.

During the Bush administration in 2006-07, Griffin served as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas and previously as special assistant to the president and deputy director of political affairs for President George W. Bush at the White House.

Griffin has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. He was mobilized to active duty in 2005 as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, KY, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq, for which he was awarded the Combat Action Badge. Griffin is currently serving as the commander of the 2nd Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, LA. In July 2018, Griffin, in his capacity as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, received his master's degree in strategic studies as a distinguished graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

He graduated from Magnolia High School, Hendrix College, Tulane Law School, and attended graduate school at Oxford University in England.

His wife, Elizabeth, is from Camden, and they live in Little Rock with their three children, Mary Katherine, John, and Charlotte Anne.

### Arkansas AG in the News:

- Attorney General (AG) Tim Griffin [announced](#) that more than 400 people registered for the inaugural "Emerging Issues Series" event, "Innovation with Integrity: Embracing AI Responsibly in Your Legal Practice," which provided Arkansas' legal community with a full day of leadership discussions and expert presentations on how artificial intelligence can reshape the practice of law while emphasizing that AI should augment, not replace, attorneys' professional judgment and committing to future events in the series to address additional cutting-edge legal topics.
- Arkansas AG Tim Griffin has [certified](#) Act 934 of 2025, which updates and strengthens a 2023 law banning the sale and distribution of intoxicating hemp-derived products such as Delta-8, Delta-9, and THC-O, marking the conclusion of litigation over the earlier statute and formally empowering state regulators to end the sale of these unregulated, marijuana-like products — often marketed as gummies and drinks and sold without age restrictions — in order to protect Arkansas consumers and children.

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## Upcoming AG Events

- May: NAAG | Spring Consumer Protection Conference | Kansas City, MO
- May: DAGA | Policy Conference | Milwaukee, WI
- June: RAGA | Summer Meeting | Dana Point, CA
- June: AGA | 2026 Annual Meeting | Sea Island, GA

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

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