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Troutman Pepper Spotlight

GEORGIA CYBERSECURITY CLE SUMMIT AND DINNER: WHEN CYBER ATTACKS STRIKE – PREVENTING AND MANAGING THE DOWNPOUR

Speakers [David I. Meyers](#), [Sadia Mirza](#), [Ronald I. Raether](#), [Casselle Smith](#), [Timothy J. St. George](#), [Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.](#), and [Kaitlin J. Clemens](#)

Join us for the Georgia Cybersecurity CLE Summit and Dinner: When Cyber Attacks Strike – Preventing and Managing the Downpour, a comprehensive half-day in-person CLE event designed to equip organizations with the knowledge and tools needed to enhance their incident response capabilities and manage the legal and regulatory challenges that follow. This event will be followed by a reception and dinner, providing ample opportunities for networking and discussion.

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TROUTMAN PEPPER TEAM TO ATTEND THE 2024 FTA TOBACCO SECTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By [Troutman Pepper Tobacco Practice](#), [Nick Ramos](#), and [Agustin Rodriguez](#)

Agustin Rodriguez and Nicholas Ramos of the Troutman Pepper Tobacco Team will be attending the [2024 Federation of Tax Administration \(FTA\) Tobacco Section Annual Conference](#). This in-person event will be held in Mobile, Alabama from August 18-21, 2024, and presents a great opportunity for government and industry members to collaborate on issues related to regulatory compliance.

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2024 State AG Election Updates

2024 AG ELECTIONS SET FOLLOWING PRIMARIES IN MISSOURI AND WASHINGTON

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

After primary voting concluded in Missouri and Washington yesterday, the slate of state attorney general (AG) candidates is set for the November 5 general elections, where at least six new AGs will fill offices across the U.S.

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State AG Updates

PENNSYLVANIA AG AND DOT PARTNER ON NEW AIRLINE COMPLAINT FORM

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

On July 31, Attorney General (AG) Michelle Henry announced a new way for Pennsylvania residents — or those traveling through Pennsylvania — to file complaints against airlines. The move is in response to allegations of a nationwide increase in complaints regarding airline handling of flight delays, cancellations, and other air travel-related issues. This announcement also comes on the heels of the latest airline disaster caused by the CrowdStrike computer meltdown.

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REGULATORS PROMOTE “ALL-OF-GOVERNMENT” SOLAR ENERGY MARKET INITIATIVE

By [Amy Pritchard Williams](#), [Michael Yaghi](#), [Kalama Lui-Kwan](#), [Massie P. Cooper](#), [Daniel Waltz](#), [Chris Capurso](#), and [Whitney Shephard](#)

On August 7, the U.S. Department of Treasury hosted a virtual briefing to discuss the steps that the Biden-Harris administration is taking to address perceived unfair and deceptive practices in the consumer solar energy industry. Deputy Secretary of Treasury Wally Adeyemo, along with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chair Lina Khan and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director Rohit Chopra, announced a new interagency consumer solar industry initiative directed at both sales and financing of residential systems. Each made statements about the unique effort to root out anti-competitive and sometimes-fraudulent activity by a handful of “bad actors” who are taking advantage of the burgeoning industry. The presenters also noted that they will be coordinating with state attorneys general (AG) and state financial regulators.

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AG Of the Week

MIKE HILGERS, NEBRASKA

Mike Hilgers was elected to become Nebraska's AG in 2022, assuming the position in 2023. Prior to this, he served as a Republican member of the Nebraska Legislature, representing the 21st District from 2017 until 2023. He has served as the Rules chairman, the chair of the Executive Board, and was elected the speaker of the 107th Legislature.

Hilgers was in private practice for more than 15 years, handling complex litigation and discovery disputes in state and federal court. After practicing at a large law firm, Hilgers founded his own litigation law firm, which was named to *Inc. Magazine's* list of fastest 5000 growing companies in the U.S. three years in a row. He left the firm when he was elected to the position of AG.

Hilgers started his private practice after clerking for Judge Edith Clement on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He received his degree in economics from Baylor University and his law degree from the University of Chicago, where he was an editor of the *Law Review*.

Born and raised in Nebraska, Hilgers currently resides in Lincoln with his wife and four children.

Nebraska AG in the News

- On August 9, Hilgers [issued](#) a warning to retailers and consumers regarding the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recall of Diamond Shroomz products.
- On August 7, Hilgers was joined by Iowa's AG, Brenna Bird, in a press conference [announcing](#) a coalition petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enact a rule that would create uniform labeling requirements.
- On July 22, Hilgers [led](#) a coalition of 11 states in submitting a public comment letter opposing rescheduling marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III on the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Upcoming AG Events

- August: DAGA | Democratic National Convention | Chicago, IL
- August: RAGA | Victory Fund Golf Retreat | Pebble Beach, CA
- September: NAAG | Presidential Summit | Portland, OR

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

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