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State AG Updates

SEVEN STATE AGS ANNOUNCE SETTLEMENT WITH ROBOCALLERS

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

On August 16, a coalition of seven state attorneys general (AG) announced a settlement with participants alleged to be involved in a “massive” robocall operation. The stipulated order, which names Scott Shapiro, Michael T. Smith, Jr., and Health Advisors of America (defendants), permanently bans Shapiro and Smith from initiating or facilitating robocalls; working in or with companies that make robocalls; and engaging in telemarketing. The settlement also requires the defendants to make monetary payments to the coalition, which is comprised of AGs from the states of Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, and Texas (the AGs).

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MASSACHUSETTS AG ANNOUNCES CREATION OF NEW ELDER JUSTICE UNIT, APPOINTS EXPERIENCED HEALTH CARE PROSECUTOR AS HEAD

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

Massachusetts Attorney General (AG) Andrea Joy Campbell [announced](#) the creation of a new Elder Justice Unit, which will use existing resources to protect and promote the safety and well-being of elders through enforcement

actions, legislative advocacy, and community engagement and education.

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NEW YORK STATE COURT ENJOINS LICENSING OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSARIES STATEWIDE AMID RETAIL CANNABIS REGULATION DISPUTES

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

On August 18, 2023, a New York Supreme Court judge has [enjoined](#) New York cannabis regulators from further processing, approving, or investigating any new or pending applications for a state conditional adult-use retail dispensary (CAURD) license, leaving New York's nascent adult-use cannabis market in limbo.

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PLAINTIFFS AND 3M GIVEN AUGUST 28 DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO STATE AGS' OPPOSITION TO \$12.5B SETTLEMENT IN THE PFAS MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

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

Public water utilities and 3M have until August 28 to respond to the bipartisan coalition of 22 state attorneys general (AGs) that opposes their proposed \$12.5 billion class action settlement over alleged per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination and is [seeking to intervene](#) in their litigation.

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CONNECTICUT AG LEADS BIPARTISAN STATE AG COALITION IN EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIPS TO PREVENT CONSUMER FRAUD

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Connecticut Attorney General (AG) William Tong, along with [Illinois](#), [New Hampshire](#), and Tennessee AGs, [jointly authored](#) a letter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) urging improved collaboration with state AGs.

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Stephanie Kozol, Senior Government Relations Manager – State Attorneys General, also contributed to this newsletter.

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