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State Attorneys General Monitor analyzes regulatory actions by state AGs and other state administrative agencies throughout the nation. Contributors to this newsletter and related [blog](#) include attorneys experienced in regulatory enforcement, litigation, and compliance.

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Troutman Pepper Spotlight

FCA UNCOVERED: MITIGATING RISK IN THE REGULATORY SPOTLIGHT

By [Stephen C. Piegrass](#) & [Amy Pritchard Williams](#)

In the latest episode of *Regulatory Oversight*, Troutman Pepper Partner Amy Williams welcomes Jenelle Beavers and Rob Sayegh from Alvarez and Marsal. Jenelle serves as the managing director of the Disputes and Investigations practice, and Rob is a senior director in the Investigations practice.

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State AG Updates

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE: STATE AG-LED TORT CLAIMS MEET GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR DEFENSE

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

A state attorney general (AG) and a major American corporation recently battled over the scope and applicability of the government contractor defense.

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SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST TEXAS

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

Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. (Spirit), a subsidiary of a company that produces fuselages for Boeing's 737 jets, has filed a lawsuit against Texas in response to the attorney general's (AG) recently initiated investigation into the company's alleged manufacturing issues — which the AG says led to midair emergencies earlier this year. The [lawsuit](#), filed on May 1, asserts that the state's probe is unconstitutional and violates Spirit's rights to be free from unreasonable searches.

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STATE AG COALITION OPPOSES CURRENT FEDERAL PRIVACY LEGISLATION

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

On May 8, attorneys general (AG) from 14 states and the District of Columbia [sent a letter](#) to Congressional leadership opposing provisions of the recently proposed federal American Privacy Rights Act (APRA). In addition to the District of Columbia, the signatory states include California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Their objections primarily center on the APRA's preemption clause, which would nullify 16 state comprehensive data privacy laws that have been enacted since 2018.

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AG of the Week

LETITIA JAMES, NEW YORK

Letitia “Tish” James is the 67th attorney general (AG) for the state of New York. Upon her election in 2018, she became the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York and the first woman to be elected AG.

During her first term, James focused on protecting vulnerable New York residents and ensuring accountability for individuals or companies that she believed violated state laws. She secured more than \$7.5 billion for New York in consumer relief, penalties, and fines. Under her leadership, the Office of the New York State AG helped remove more than 4,000 guns from New York communities and took down dozens of dangerous drug and gun trafficking rings throughout the state.

New York AG in the News

- In recent months, James has made national headlines as her office has brought lawsuits against former President Donald Trump and his corporate entities.
- At the 35th Annual GLAAD Awards, James [shared her commitment](#) to ensuring equal justice and protections for all.
- On May 14, James [filed a notice](#) to appeal a county court's ruling to remove the Equal Rights Amendment from

the November ballot.

- On May 14, the New York AG's Office of Special Investigations [opened an investigation](#) into a civilian death in Brooklyn.

Upcoming AG Events

- May: DAGA | Austin Policy Conference | TX
- June: AGA | 2024 Annual Meeting | CO
- June: RAGA | Summer National Meeting | WV

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

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