



Kansas Attorney General's Office Small State, Big Impact: Artificial Intelligence and Protecting Children

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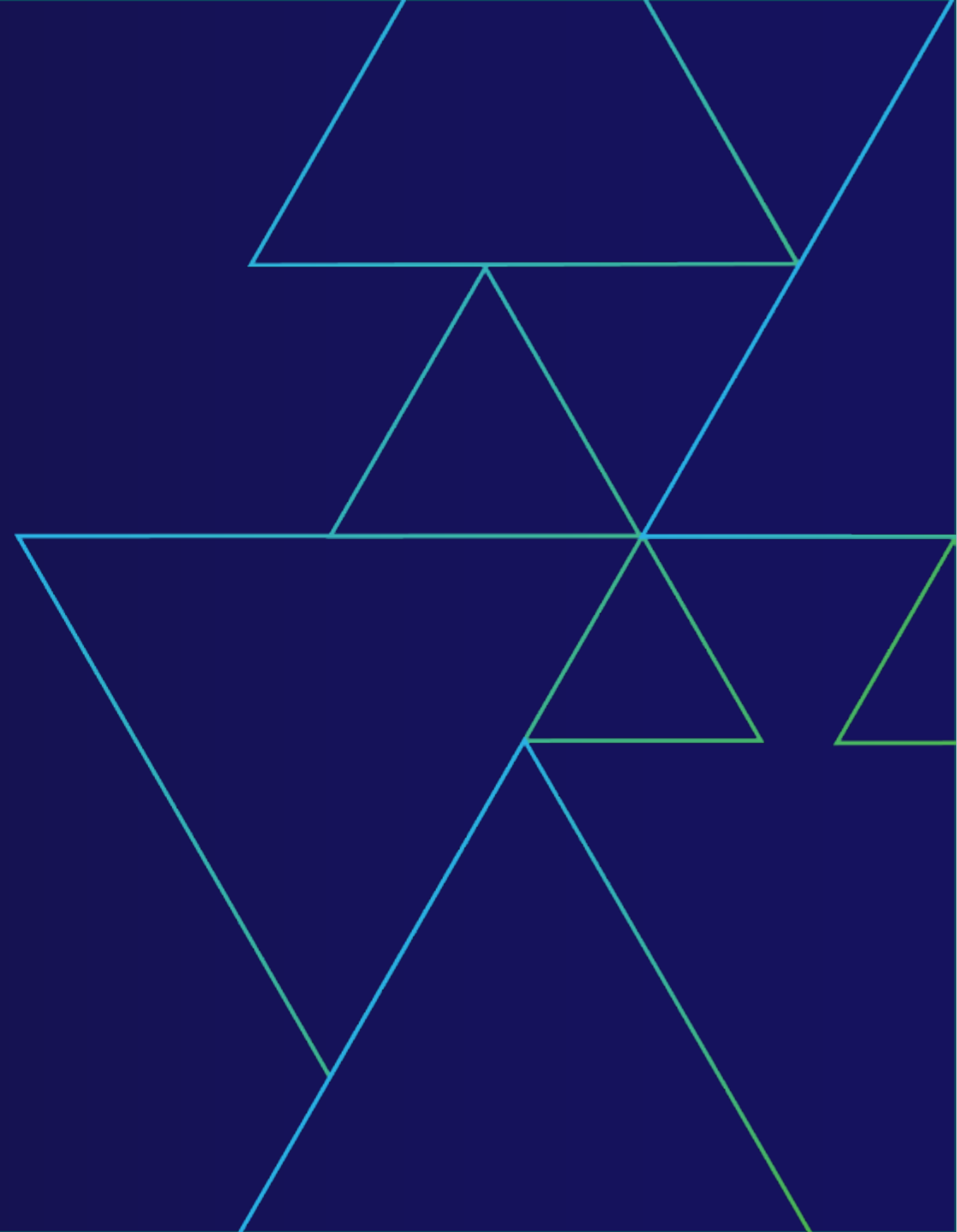


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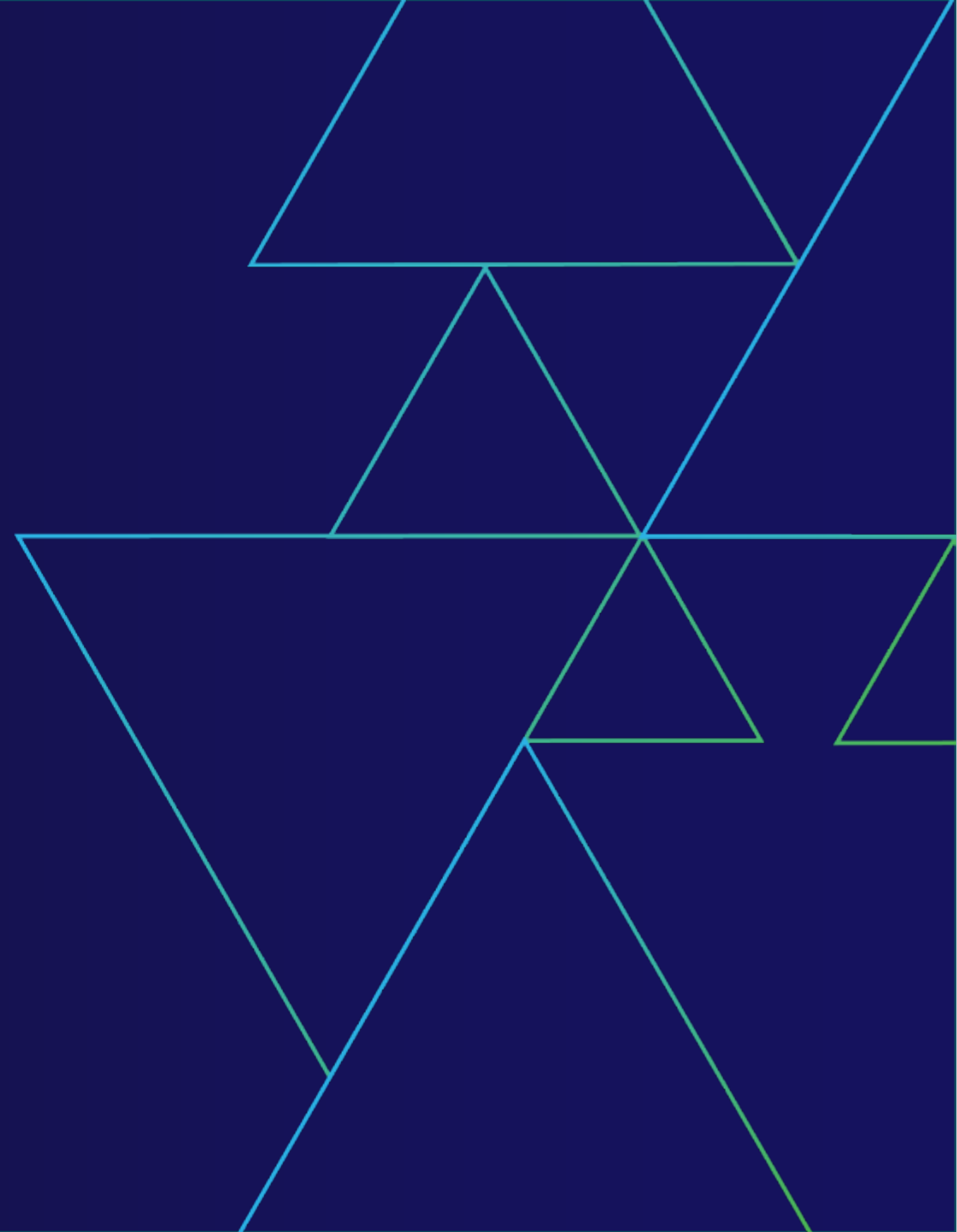
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Consumer Protection in Kansas

Chief Deputy Sciarrotta



Consumer Protection Lightning Round



Consumer Protection Lightning Round: Background & Policy

- How is the AG selected in your state?
- How is consumer protection organized in your office?
 - “Public Protection Division”
 - Consumer Protection
 - Antitrust
 - Charitable Organizations & Financial Scams
 - Open Government Enforcement
 - Sexually Violent Predator Unit

Consumer Protection Lightning Round: Background & Policy

- How are consumer protection priorities set in your office?
- Do you participate in multistate consumer investigations?
- Do you receive consumer complaints?
- Do you perform any complaint resolution role?

Consumer recoveries & judgments since 1/20/2023:
\$183,637,008.62

Secured **\$3,241,320** in settlements for state funds in FY 25

Consumer complaints in FY 25:
3,952

Cases resolved in FY 25:
4,039

Consumer Protection Lightning Round: State-Specific UDAP Law

- What is your primary consumer protection statute?
- Are you able to conduct pre-suit investigations by statute?
- Can you request documents? Take statements? Send interrogatories?
- Are CIDs confidential? Are answers confidential?
- Does your law allow a party to object or set aside? If so, in what timeframe?
- How can you enforce compliance?
- Do you have a statute of limitations? If so, what is it?
- Do you have to provide pre-suit notice? If so, what timeframe?

Consumer Protection Lightning Round: Remedies & Other Laws

- What types of settlements can you enter into?
- What is your civil penalty authority?
- Can you obtain restitution? Disgorgement?
- Are there times you don't get injunctive relief? Penalties/payment?
- Do you include sunsets in your settlements?
- How are IR terms enforced? What if they are in an AVC?
- Do you have specific laws and remedies for price gouging? Auto-renewals?
- Do you have a privacy law?
- Any new noteworthy CP laws recently introduced/passed?

Consumer Protection Legislation Introduced in 2026

SB 355 – eCigarette Regulation

SB 372 – App Store Age Verification

SB 405 – AI Chatbots

HB 2515 – Crypto ATMs

SB 371 – Landlord-Tenant; Sale of Units

SB 415 – Landlord-Tenant; Constructive Eviction

HB 2700 – Digital Right to Repair

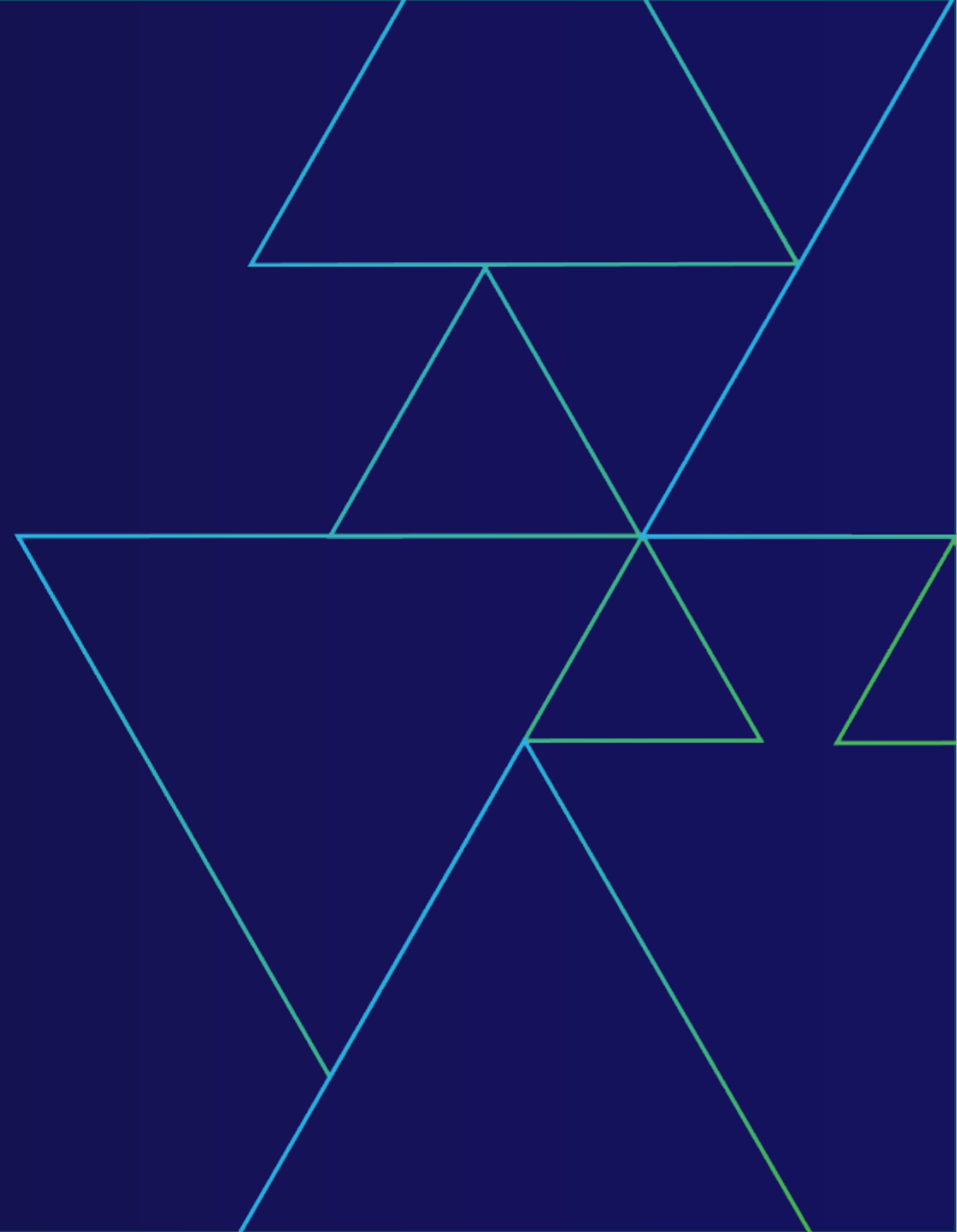
HB 2214 – Veteran Benefits Servicer Regulation

SB 375 – Proxy Advisor Regulation (ESG)

SB 426 – Consumer Legal Funding Regulation

HB 2118 – Fees for Accessing/Filing

Artificial Intelligence and Protecting Children



Harmful Technology; AI & Companion Chatbots

“We’re seeing a very concerning trend where Big Tech releases AI products without meaningful safeguards,” Kobach said. “With each iteration of their AI, Big Tech offers vague promises about product safety and parental controls only to blame the child, parent, or consumer when faced with AI’s real-life harms. My team and I are watching, and we are demanding more of Big Tech than its usual buzz words.”



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NEWS RELEASE

Kobach Confronts Big Tech’s AI Companion Chatbots

**Stop Hiding Behind Empty Promises
and Protect Our Kids**

TOPEKA – (Dec. 15, 2025) – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is demanding answers from the artificial intelligence industry for “disturbing and inappropriate outcomes” caused by Big Tech’s AI companion chatbots.

In a blistering open letter sent to major AI developers, Kobach put the industry on notice: Implement a significant course correction or be held accountable. Kansas is prepared to enforce civil and criminal liability against companies that prioritize profits and speed over safeguards for children, parents, and consumers.

Protecting Against Harmful AI

- Attorney General Kobach provided testimony to the Kansas Legislature concerning the harmful effects of unchecked AI Chatbots.
- SB 405 is proposed legislation that makes it unlawful for a person to train artificial intelligence to encourage or support suicide, develop emotional relationships, act as a healthcare professional, or encourage isolation.

Protecting Against Harmful AI



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