

# AG Chronicles: December 2024

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***AG Chronicles:** a monthly newsletter breaking down State Attorneys General consumer protection issues and highlighting news from the states.*

### CONSUMER PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT FORUM

Kelley Drye's State AG Practice recently hosted the *2025 Consumer Protection Enforcement Forum: Anticipating State AG Priorities and Regulatory Shifts* at our offices in Washington, D.C. Speakers included New Hampshire Attorney General and National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) President John Formella, senior and consumer protection attorney general staff, and representatives from the Attorney General Alliance and NAAG. The panelists provided a 2025 outlook on enforcement priorities and regulatory landscape, practical tips on handling investigations and working with AG offices, insight into bringing the business community and attorneys general together, and how to better understand the structure and priorities of AG offices. You may read more about this event in our recent blog post, [here](#).

### IN THE NEWS AND LATEST UPDATES

#### [DC AG Sues Amazon for Failing to Deliver Prime Membership Benefits for Certain DC Zip Codes](#)

DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb recently [filed a lawsuit](#) against Amazon for allegedly deceiving some District residents into paying for Prime delivery benefits they are not receiving, in violation of the Consumer Protection Procedures Act (CPPA). The [complaint](#) alleges Amazon quietly instituted exclusionary practices in its Prime Membership delivery program for certain ZIP codes in DC starting in 2022, while continuing to charge full subscription fees for consumers living in the "excluded" ZIP code areas.

#### [State AGs Combat ESG: Multistate Coalition Sues BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard for Alleged Antitrust & Consumer Violations in Coal Markets](#)

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, joined by ten other Republican-led states, filed a lawsuit in the U.S. Eastern District of Texas against BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard, accusing them of illegally conspiring to manipulate coal markets. The [104-page complaint](#) alleges that these

investment firms leveraged their substantial ownership stakes in major U.S. coal producers to “artificially” constrain the supply of coal, resulting in diminished competition, higher energy prices for consumers, and “cartel-level profits” for the defendants.

## Connecticut AG Investigates Skincare Products Marketed to Kids

If you’ve been on social media lately, depending on your algorithm, you may have witnessed tween influencers touting expensive skincare routines, or commentators lamenting the rise of the [Sephora Kid](#). Before the holiday, Connecticut AG William Tong [urged](#) parents to exercise caution regarding anti-aging skincare products that are being marketed to children and teens by influencers on social media. The AG is concerned that many of these products include ingredients that are unsuitable, or even harmful, for kids. The AG also sent a detailed inquiry 21-request “[letter](#)” (looking similar to a CID) to Sephora asking about how it markets these products to kids.

## AGs Aren’t Kidding about KOSA

Led by Tennessee Attorney General Skrmetti, 32 attorneys general (AGs) sent a bipartisan [letter](#) (19 Republicans and 13 Democrats) to both houses of Congress this week, supporting the passage of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA). This comes after a bipartisan [letter from 42 AGs](#) to Congress in September concerning social media warning labels.

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## NEWS FROM THE STATES

### District of Columbia

[Attorney General Schwalb Joins Department of Justice & Bipartisan AG Coalition Seeking to End Google’s Illegal Search Engine Monopoly](#)

### National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)

[Bipartisan Coalition of 47 Attorneys General Call on the FCC to Improve Their Robocall Mitigation Database \(RMD\)](#)

### Nebraska

[Attorney General Hilgers Co-Leads 18-State Coalition Fighting Crypto Regulatory Overreach](#)

### New Jersey

[AG Platkin, AG Schwalb Co-Lead Amicus Brief Defending FTC in Barring Noncompete Agreements](#)

### New York

[Attorney General James and DFS Superintendent Harris Secure \\$11.3 Million from Auto Insurance Companies over Data Breaches](#)

### Rhode Island

[Attorney General Neronha files lawsuit against real estate broker following deceptive “foreclosure rescue” scheme](#)

### Texas

[Attorney General Ken Paxton Opens Investigation Into Possible Conspiracy by Advertising Companies to Boycott Certain Social Media Platforms](#)

## **Utah**

[Utah Court Denies TikTok's Motion to Dismiss in Landmark Children's Protection Lawsuit](#)

## **Washington**

[AG Ferguson wins \\$1.4M judgment against Vancouver-area charity directors who misused charitable funds](#)

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