

AG Chronicles: February 2026

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

West Virginia Attorney General's Office: Consumer Protection and Ultra-Processed Foods

Special guests [Jace Goins](#), Chief Deputy; [Ann Haight](#), Director, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division; [Abby Cunningham](#), Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division joined Kelley Drye State Attorneys General Practice Chair [Paul Singer](#), Advertising and Marketing Chair [Donnelly McDowell](#), Special Counsel [Abby Stempson](#), and Senior Associate [Andrea deLorimier](#). The guest speakers shared insights into West Virginia's current consumer protection priorities and examined the state's new law targeting certain ultra-processed foods and food ingredients, along with its implications for consumer protection enforcement.

Watch the Zoom recording [here](#).

Read our blog post for key takeaways [here](#).

IN THE NEWS AND LATEST UPDATES

40 State AGs Urge Congress to Adopt Senate KOSA Bill

On February 11, 2026, a bipartisan coalition of 40 state attorneys general sent a letter to Congressional leadership expressing support for the Senate version of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA), S. 1748.

New Privacy Perspectives Episode: App Store Age Assurance Laws Aren't Going Away

Texas recently blocked its App Store Accountability Act from taking effect on First Amendment grounds. Problem solved, right? Not even close.

In the latest episode of [Privacy Perspectives](#) (part of the [Ad Law Access podcast feed](#)), [Alex Schneider](#) sits down with [Laura Riposo VanDruff](#) and [Paul Singer](#) to explain why app store age assurance remains very much a live issue—and why companies across the digital ecosystem need to

pay attention.

35 State AGs Don't Grok xAI, Issue Letter of Concern

Last month, 35 state attorneys general, led by Connecticut, North Carolina, Utah, and Pennsylvania, penned a [letter](#) to xAI outlining concerns regarding nonconsensual intimate images (NCII) generated on Grok. Though the AGs recognized similar issues exist on other AI platforms, and third party “bad actors” are also involved in creating imagery, they claim that xAI’s Grok “merits special attention.” The AGs said there is evidence Grok promoted and facilitated the production and public dissemination of such images and made it easy to use with “the click of a button.”

AG Pricing Update: \$4.25M Menards Settlement in Rebate Probe; Colorado AG Targets 2026 Pricing Practices

On December 17, 2025, a coalition of ten state attorneys general [announced a \\$4.25 million settlement](#) with Menards, the third-largest home improvement chain, resolving allegations that the company deceptively marketed its “Menards 11% Rebate Program” in violation of the states’ general consumer protection laws (rather than any “junk fee” or drip-pricing laws). The settlement was led by Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

NEWS FROM THE STATES

Arizona

[Attorney General Mayes Announces Settlement with SimonMed over Upfront Billing Practices](#)

[Attorney General Mayes Announces \\$11.8 Million Settlement with Choice Home Warranty](#)

California

[On Data Privacy Day, Attorney General Bonta Focuses on Surveillance Pricing, Compliance with California Consumer Privacy Act](#)

Iowa

[Attorney General Brenna Bird Secures Another Victory Against TikTok](#)

Massachusetts

[AG Campbell Sues Bitcoin Kiosk Operator For Facilitating Crypto Scams Against Massachusetts Consumers](#)

Michigan

[AG Nessel Secures Judgment Against Lawn Care, Pool Company Over Consumer Protection Violations](#)

Missouri

[Attorney General Hanaway Cracks Down On Business Selling Illegal THC Products Marketed Towards Minors](#)

Washington

[AG's office sues illegal gambling apps that have taken more than \\$225 million from Washingtonians](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Members of our team will be attending these upcoming conferences, in addition to RAGA and DAGA events:

- [AGA Chair's Initiative](#) - February 24-26 in Santa Fe, NM
- [NAAG 2026 Annual Conference](#) - April 13-15 in Charleston, SC
- [NAAG Spring Consumer Protection Conference](#) - May 19-21 in Kansas City, MO

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