

# AG Chronicles: March 2026

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

## UPCOMING WEBINAR

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

Please join us for a webinar featuring special guest speakers

- [Joseph Sciarrotta](#), Chief Deputy Attorney General
- [Amber Smith](#), Deputy Attorney General, Public Protection Division

They will be joined by Kelley Drye State Attorneys General Practice Chair [Paul Singer](#), Special Counsel [Abby Stempson](#) and [Beth Chun](#), and Senior Associate [Andrea deLorimier](#). The guest speakers will share insights into Kansas' current consumer protection priorities and its consumer protection laws. They will also discuss the substantial influence that small but highly effective state attorney general offices exert in enforcing consumer protection laws—whether against local businesses or large national corporations. Topics will include actions involving artificial intelligence companies, businesses that deceptively target children, and companies that misrepresent the marketing of their products or services or the collection and use of personal data.

Register [here](#).

## IN THE NEWS AND LATEST UPDATES

### [States Break from DOJ, Pushing for Broader Relief in Live Nation-Ticketmaster Litigation](#)

This week, the Department of Justice announced a tentative settlement in its long-running antitrust [lawsuit](#) against Live Nation. The [deal](#)—revealed one week into trial—addresses the company's allegedly monopolistic conduct and aims to open the live-events ticketing ecosystem to greater competition. But with more than two dozen co-plaintiff states announcing they will not join the deal, the litigation seems far from over.

### [Vanguard Settles 13-State ESG Antitrust Suit](#)

Last month, 13 Republican state attorneys general announced a “first-of-its-kind” [settlement](#) with The Vanguard Group, Inc. resolving part of a multistate antitrust lawsuit against major asset managers.

As we [discussed previously](#), the underlying lawsuit, led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, alleges that BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard used their collective shareholdings in U.S. coal companies to influence output and business strategy in ways that allegedly reduced coal production and increased energy prices. According to the complaint, this conduct amounted to anticompetitive coordination under the guise of ESG initiatives. The Trump Administration’s Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission [filed a statement of interest](#) supporting the suit and describing their interpretation of how U.S. antitrust laws apply to the allegations.

## State AGs Roll the Dice on Gaming

State AGs have long had an interest in enforcing consumer protection laws in the realm of [gambling](#) and [gaming](#). Almost 10 years ago, many state AGs (including in [Massachusetts](#), [Alabama](#), [New York](#), and [Texas](#) for example) obtained settlements with sports betting sites, sometimes enjoining them from operation (although legal tides have turned in many states since then due to the Supreme Court decision in *Murphy v. NCAA* declaring a federal ban on sports gambling unconstitutional). As gambling has continued to evolve and (allegedly) mix with gaming, State AGs have remained on the cutting edge of enforcement.

## Connecticut’s Privacy Report Highlights Rising Expectations for Businesses

In February, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong released the [2025 Connecticut Data Privacy Act \(CTDPA\) Enforcement Report](#), offering the most comprehensive view yet of the state’s privacy enforcement priorities and emerging risk areas for businesses. The Report analyzes consumer complaint trends, highlights core enforcement themes, and underscores how Connecticut’s privacy regime is shifting from foundational implementation to more targeted enforcement. The report also includes a number of legislative recommendations that may signal future changes to the CTDPA, in addition to those scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2026.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES

### Arizona

[Attorney General Mayes Announces Settlement with Hefty® Parent Company Reynolds over Misleading Recycling Bags](#)

### California

[Attorney General Bonta Co-Leads Bipartisan Coalition in Demanding GoFundMe Prove Removal of All Plagiarized Web Pages Using Charities’ Information](#)

### Florida

[Attorney General James Uthmeier Launches CHINA Prevention Unit to Counter Foreign Adversaries and Protect Floridians’ Data](#)

## Michigan

[AG Nessel Secures Judgment Against Construction Company for Consumer Protection Violation](#)

## Montana

[Attorney General Knudsen issues statement on dismissal of TikTok lawsuit](#)

## Pennsylvania

[Attorney General Sunday Embraces Collaboration in Combatting Harmful Tech, A.I.](#)

## Texas

[Attorney General Ken Paxton Files Fourth Anti-CCP Lawsuit in Three Days by Suing Temu for Deceptive Marketing and Illegal Data Harvesting](#)

## Virginia

[Attorney General Jay Jones Takes Steps to Keep Virginia's Children Safe from Predatory Social Media Companies](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [NAAG 2026 Annual Conference](#) - April 13-15 in Charleston, SC
- [NAAG Spring Consumer Protection Conference](#) - May 19-21 in Kansas City, MO

For more information about the State Attorneys General Practice group, [click here](#).