

AG Watch: Texas Charts A Course on Investigative Authority

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"The Texas Supreme Court's decision strengthens the attorney general's CID authority under the DTPA by reaffirming that investigative demands may issue based on reasonable belief — not proof — and by limiting courts' roles at the CID stage. By rejecting merits-style review and emphasizing statutory confidentiality protections as an answer to privacy concerns, the court raised the bar for early CID challenges."

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