

State Attorneys General Practice



King & Spalding has represented clients in state attorneys general investigations and litigation in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for more than three decades (including multistate and federal co-enforcement actions). Co-led by the firm's government investigations and public policy groups, our State Attorneys General practice starts with helping clients avoid or minimize the impact of state attorneys general investigations and litigation whenever possible, but as deeply experienced trial counsel, we are also prepared to vigorously contest those investigations when appropriate or to try cases when necessary.

We defend our clients against complex litigation, *qui tam* actions, and investigations of business practices relating to antitrust, consumer protection, data privacy, and the environment. We also have significant experience in serving as "national" or "coordinating" counsel in multiparty, multistate investigations, and are veterans of the document production and discovery wars that frequently accompany such investigations. We offer the unique combination of big firm litigation resources and lawyers who routinely try high-exposure and mission-critical cases.

PROVEN EXPERIENCE

Our clients also benefit from the proven experience and invaluable insight of a former state Attorney General: former California Attorney General Dan Lungren, who is senior counsel to the firm.

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The National Law Journal



"Very strategic," "tremendously professional in every respect," "seamless," and "terrific – very collaborative and politically savvy."

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Working together, our State Attorneys General practice is unparalleled in its depth and breadth and in its ability to resolve problems for our clients. For more than 30 years, we have been at the forefront of developing high-quality, cost-effective solutions to the challenges of collecting, reviewing, and producing documents in complex investigations and litigation.

OUR MATTERS

We are actively engaged in state attorneys general investigations across a wide range of industries and subject areas, including life sciences and healthcare; environmental, health, and safety; financial services; data, privacy & security; and toxic tort and environmental litigation. The following are representative matters:

- Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and Shell Oil Company in multistate attorneys general price-gouging investigations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.
- An international pharmaceutical/biotechnology manufacturer in parallel state and federal investigations by multiple state attorneys general, Medicaid Fraud Control Units, and five U.S. Attorney's offices.
- A multinational pharmaceutical company in an ongoing state attorneys general consumer protection investigation against a 50-state consortium.
- One of the very first multistate attorneys general data security breach investigations.
- A series of related state and multistate investigations of an FCRA-regulated publicly traded corporation.
- Large banks, accounting firms, insurance companies, and other entities, involving credit reporting, securities, insurance issues, and subprime lending.
- Hospital systems, academic medical centers, national pharmacy companies, and other entities in the defense of state (and parallel federal) False Claims Act investigations, licensure actions/sanctions, Public Information Requests, and other healthcare investigations.
- Multiple healthcare providers in state attorneys general reviews of dispositions of nonprofit hospitals and/or assets of nonprofit corporations and intramural disputes.
- A major publicly traded energy company in a series of investigations in over a dozen states, focused on environmental remediation and insurance issues.

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