

State Attorneys General Practice

Proven Experience



King & Spalding has represented clients in State Attorneys General (“AG”) investigations and litigation in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for more than three decades, including multistate and parallel federal investigations and enforcement actions. We help clients avoid or minimize the impact of State AG investigations and litigation whenever possible, often engaging simultaneously on the policy and investigative fronts to advance and protect client interests. As deeply experienced trial counsel, we are also prepared to vigorously contest investigations, negotiate favorable resolutions and try cases when necessary.

We have decades of experience handling the full life-cycle of these matters: from the first informal inquiry or formal Civil Investigative Demand through an internal investigation, litigation or settlement, as well as guidance on proactive and remedial compliance measures every step of the way. Our team counsels on potential reputational damage, business disruption and policy solutions at the state and federal level and defends clients against complex litigation, *qui tam* actions and complex investigations of business practices. We serve as national or coordinating counsel in multistate, multiparty and independent parallel investigations. We are veterans of the crisis management and public messaging aspects of these matters, also skilled in handling discovery negotiations and battles that frequently accompany such investigations.

Investigations, Litigation and Crisis Management

- Incident Response and Related Internal and External Investigations
- Response to State AG Civil Investigative Demands and Subpoenas
- Strategic Negotiations and Public Policy Engagement
- Follow-On Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement
- Coordination of Parallel Tracks, Including Federal, State and Class Action Claims

Related Strategic Counseling and Mitigation

- Broad Counseling on Strategic Risks
- Policies and Procedures Related to the Inciting Issue
- Review Regulatory Filings
- Government Contracting and Strategic Risks
- Supply Chain/Third-Party Risk Management
- Insurance Reviews

Government Advocacy and Public Policy

- Advocate for client interests before State AGs
- Establish and maintain open dialogue with AGs
- Build effective industry/subject area coalitions
- Anticipate and craft creative solutions to potential issues before they impact the client
- Educate AGs on federal and state public policy issues
- Develop and execute comprehensive public engagement and media strategies
- Work with AGs to help craft and impact state legislation and regulation

“Work together tremendously well,” “engage effectively,” “deep knowledge of policy issues.”

“They have the knowledge of the industry and the ability to make legislative inroads that affect the industry.”

CHAMBERS USA, 2019, 2020

“Law Firm of the Year” for Government Relations

U.S. NEW & WORLD REPORT, 2013

Two-time “White Collar Practice Group of the Year”

LAW360, 2017, 2011

300+ attorneys experienced in State AG matters, including former California AG Dan Lungren

30+ years at the forefront of developing high-quality, cost-effective solutions in complex investigations, litigation, and policy matters

KEY MATTERS ACROSS INDUSTRIES

We are actively engaged in State AG investigations across a wide range of industries and subject areas, including data, privacy and security; environmental, health and safety; financial services; life sciences and healthcare; technology; and toxic tort and environmental litigation. Representative matters include:

- A **leading credit reporting agency** in landmark multistate attorneys general data security breach investigations and litigation.
- An **international pharmaceutical/biotechnology manufacturer** in parallel state and federal investigations by multiple State AG, Medicaid Fraud Control Units and five U.S. Attorney's offices.
- A **major automaker** in state and multistate investigations and litigation facing consumer and environmental claims.
- A **major publicly traded energy company** in a series of investigations in over a dozen states, focused on environmental remediation and insurance issues.
- A **multinational pharmaceutical company** in an ongoing State AG consumer protection investigation against a 50-state consortium.
- An FCRA-regulated **publicly-traded corporation** in a series of related state and multistate investigations.
- **Large banks, accounting firms, insurance companies** and other entities, involving credit reporting, securities, insurance issues and subprime lending.
- A **leading medical supply distributor** in an ongoing pricing-related inquiry by a State AG.
- A **leading green energy company** in parallel investigations by State AG and the Department of Justice regarding marketing and related practices.
- A **leading healthcare association** in a wide-ranging public engagement initiative to combat the opioid crisis in the U.S.
- **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.

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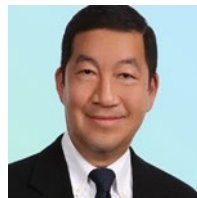
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