

PRACTICE

State Attorneys General

Whether facing a high-stakes investigation, enforcement action or complex litigation brought by state attorneys general, Benesch's State Attorneys General Investigations & Enforcement Practice Group delivers the insight, experience and strategic counsel needed to protect your business and reputation.

Tough. Tactical. Trusted.

Benesch provides trusted legal counsel in matters involving state attorneys general (AGs), representing Fortune 500 companies, executives, boards and organizations in high-stakes investigations, enforcement actions and litigation. Our team includes former government counsel, assistant attorneys general, senior AG advisors and federal prosecutors, offering deep insight into AG operations and priorities. Having been on the other side of the table, we know how government investigations and white-collar prosecutions are built—and how to dismantle them.

We have bipartisan relationships across all 56 AG offices, allowing us to anticipate AG actions, navigate political dynamics and resolve matters swiftly and discreetly. Our attorneys are prepared to mount strong defenses in litigation, and we have experienced lobbyists to advocate for clients before state and local governments.

Unrivaled **Insight**

Benesch's State Attorneys General team includes:

- **Former state assistant attorneys general** and other senior advisors to AGs
- **Former government counsel** to state agencies and governors' offices
- **Former federal prosecutors** from U.S. Attorneys offices across the nation who worked jointly with state attorneys general
- **Lobbyists** with extensive experience advocating for clients before state and local governments
- **14 veterans from state AG offices** across the country, including the most active jurisdictions (California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Washington, D.C.)

Numbers & Recognition

50+

Attorneys with experience in state attorneys general offices or opposing them

100+

Years of combined experience

Ranked Nationally

in **Litigation** by Best Law Firms®



Recognized Nationally

in **Litigation** by Chambers



- Experience before **all 56 state AG offices**
- Built on long-standing, **bipartisan relationships**
- **Trusted by Fortune 500 companies** and leading organizations
- Known for **swift, discreet and effective resolution** of AG matters

What **We Do**

- Antitrust & competition
- Civil investigative demands (CIDs) & subpoenas
- Consumer protection & false advertising
- Crisis management & policy strategy
- Data privacy & cybersecurity
- Environmental & public health enforcement
- False claims & whistleblower actions
- Healthcare
- Industry sweeps
- Labor & employment
- Real estate registrations
- White collar criminal defense

Representative **Experience**

- ▶ Served as lead counsel for a major life science manufacturer, representing the client in individual investigations and litigation brought by attorneys general in Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico and Pennsylvania alleging violation of state false advertising statutes.
- ▶ Represented a medical practice in a Department of Justice federal criminal investigation involving the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Inspector General, the United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and state investigations involving the Ohio Attorney General Health Care Fraud Unit. Subsequently representing a business in production and interviews related to a secondary criminal investigation involving a former employee.
- ▶ Defended a nonprofit organization through a threatened investigation of its CEO by the California DOJ, including a whistleblower complaint alleging financial malfeasance. Resolved the matter with no press, financial penalties or admission of liability.
- ▶ Defended a crypto stablecoin client against a broad investigation by the Massachusetts AG into marketing practices and whether the coin became unpegged from the U.S. dollar.
- ▶ Represented a national retailer in a false advertising investigation brought by multiple state attorneys general and the FTC.
- ▶ Represented ComEd in litigating a request for regulatory approval of its first-ever multiyear integrated grid plan and a corresponding multiyear rate plan. Together, the plans detail every dollar the company plans to invest in providing electric delivery service over the next four years. In addition to ComEd, the case involved 12 parties. A total of 61 expert witnesses offered testimony, including 17 witnesses on behalf of ComEd. The Illinois Commerce Commission approved a \$595 million increase in ComEd's revenue requirement and a \$3.57 billion increase in rate base over the four-year period.
- ▶ Represented a client in an antitrust investigation brought by 20 attorneys general and the DOJ.

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