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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

Dear Attorney General Clark:

Troutman Pepper is supporting a summer intern on a scholarly article related to State Attorneys General hiring outside counsel to represent State Attorneys General in consumer protection enforcement actions (investigations or litigations), including on an hourly and contingency fee basis.

To aid in drafting this article, I am sending this document request to you seeking any and all documents that have to do with the State hiring, retaining, or otherwise contracting with any private counsel to represent the State or the People of the State. This request is being sent to each State to aid in preparing the aforementioned scholarly article.

Accordingly, we request the following documents that relate to the State's activities from January 1, 2020, to the present:

1. Documents that identify cases in which the State has hired private counsel in consumer protection matters that will:
 - a. identify the types and subject matter of the cases;
 - b. the firms hired in those cases;
 - c. whether counsel was hired on an hourly or contingency fee basis;
 - d. provide information on the current status of those cases, including any recovery by the State and any payments to outside counsel; and
 - e. provide policies regarding the retention and supervision of outside counsel.
2. Contracts for services entered into between that State and outside counsel.
3. Documents related to the selection of outside counsel including:
 - a. requests for proposals; and
 - b. bidding process documents.
4. The State's website or other location where the State's outside counsel contracts are publicly accessible.

Our intent in requesting these documents is not to burden the State, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me. We are merely trying to gain a greater understanding of these relationships, their frequency, the types of firms being hired, and commonalities in the types of cases. To the extent practicable, please respond to this request within five (5) business days.

I would prefer to receive these documents in an electronic format. You may email them to my colleague and Senior Research and Practice Liaison Manager, Tiffany Jenkins at tiffany.jenkins@troutman.com. If the documents are unavailable in an electronic format, you may mail the copies to my attention at the address above.

Because this article is being written in the public interest, we respectfully request that any fees be waived with regard to this request. To the extent that the State intends to assess any fees, please contact us before performing any work that would require payment of fees.

If you have any questions or need additional information, I may be reached by telephone at 240.388.4543 or by email at chris.carlson@troutman.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Chris Carlson

Chris Carlson

1 By way of example, the request seeks information related to actions brought under State unfair or deceptive acts or practices laws. See generally, State-by-State Summaries of State UDAP Statutes, available for download at <https://www.nclc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/udap-appC-1.pdf> (last visited July 8, 2024). We are not seeking the State's retention agreements related to other issues like government contracting, employment-related issues, or issues related to federalism.

Declaration (Required)

Yes

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