



ALLIANCE for CONSUMERS

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Attorney General,

Today, Alliance for Consumers, an organization dedicated to consumer protection reform and advocacy for everyday consumers, issued a *Consumer Protection Report* updating its long-running series on what is known as the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline.

The so-called Shady Trial Lawyer PACs, which are the focus of this most recent report, have sent 99% of their money to Democrats and their allies since 2017, totaling nearly \$29 million, with over \$2.8 million generated in 2024 alone.

The contracts that states have with the firms who power these Shady Trial Lawyer PACs make some sense if the goal is funding left-wing political campaigns, but, for many reasons, they are exactly the wrong way to protect consumers and your states.

There has never been a more important time than now to be vigilant regarding your outside counsel arrangements, with the [recent revelations surrounding Morgan & Morgan's termination](#) by Kansas in 2023, [the same firm being sanctioned for use of AI in their briefing](#), and a [municipal outside counsel being sanctioned](#) for their statements about ex parte communications with a federal district judge in Ohio.

At Alliance for Consumers, we believe it is important for you to continue receiving updates on what is happening with the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline, and with unsavory outside counsel, so you can see how your outside counsel arrangements are being treated as part of a political money game and help ensure that you have outside counsel arrangements that help your state, help consumers, and have strong ethics and other protections that prevent the abuse of these relationships.

That is why I am sending you our newest *Consumer Protection Report* and calling on you to review your outside counsel arrangements and **take immediate action to dismantle the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline in your state.**

Attorneys General are on the front lines of this fight and making progress. Indeed, there is a growing trend of conservative attorneys general scrutinizing their outside counsel arrangements for problems and taking action to change course.

I hope the attached report will help you in this important mission.



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As always, if you have questions or would like further information, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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**Attachment: Consumer Protection Report: Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline Update:
2025 Shady Trial Lawyer PACs Update**