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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 Eight law firms, which have been the focus of Alliance for Consumers' reports, have sent 99 percent of their federal giving to Democrats and their allies since 2017, totaling nearly \$26 million.**

The contracts that states have with these firms 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 to reflect upon your outside counsel arrangements, given [Alaska](#) and [Utah](#)'s recent ethics-related terminations of Motley Rice and [Alaska](#)'s similar termination of Baron & Budd.

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 so you can 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 by the Shady Eight and others like them.

The Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline is a key funding mechanism for the Left's woke lawfare machine, which seeks to impose a far-left social agenda through judicial edict which 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.**



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Ending the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline is one of the strongest steps you can take to protect your consumers and the rule of law, and there is no better time than now to take action and press this fight forward.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Alliance For Consumers

**Attachment: Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline Update: The Shady Eight 2025 Update**