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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 6, 2020



This week, we celebrated National Consumer Protection Week by providing tips and highlighting the millions of dollars in recoveries obtained for consumers in Florida and nationwide.
Protecting consumers is a major focus of our office and over the past year, we have launched several major initiatives to bolster our fraud-fighting efforts, such as: the new Consumer Alert Program, our intra-agency Senior Protection Team and the NO SCAM price gouging reporting app—to help protect consumers during natural disasters, like hurricanes.

These are just a few of the innovative steps we are taking to better protect Floridians from fraud and prevent scams—and I am proud to report back to you that these tactics are paying off.

Since January of 2019, our Consumer Protection Division has recovered more than $153 million through settlements and court-ordered relief for consumers nationwide, and we are just getting started.

You can follow all the latest news on our Twitter account or by visiting

MyFloridaLegal.com. There you will find great resources for preventing fraud and reporting scams.

Remember, by working together to fight fraud and protect Floridians, we can build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Attorney General Moody Highlights Senior Protection Efforts at U.S. DOJ Elder Justice Summit



Attorney General Ashley Moody announced more than $2 million in recoveries and savings for Florida seniors at the U.S. Department of Justice Summit on Fighting for Elder Justice. Attorney General Moody joined U.S. Attorney General William Barr at the summit in Sun City Center, Florida—where most of the residents are 60 or older.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Protecting Florida’s seniors is a major focus of my office, and I am grateful for U.S. Attorney General Barr’s commitment to this important mission. Since taking office, we have recovered more than $2 million for older Floridians through the efforts of our Senior Protection Team and Seniors vs. Crime. My office’s Senior Protection Team attorneys and investigators are dedicated to this vital mission and I look forward to continuing to work in this area to ensure Florida remains a welcoming state for retirees and people enjoying their golden years.” Read More

Attorney General Moody Highlights Consumer Alert Program in Recognition of National CP Week



Attorney General Ashley Moody is encouraging Floridians to educate themselves about the latest scams this National Consumer Protection Week. Last year, Attorney General Moody launched a Consumer Alert Program to inform Floridians about emerging scams and the latest tricks used by scammers to defraud Floridians. Since the program’s inception, Attorney General Moody has issued more than 30 alerts to help Floridians avoid scams, make restitution claims and report fraud.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Our Consumer Alert Program is designed to help keep Floridians informed about emerging scams and the different ways new technology is being misused to deceive Floridians. As a former prosecutor and judge, I have learned that one of the best tools we have to stop fraud is to empower consumers with the information they need to identify scams and what to do if they are targeted. I am asking all Floridians to take time this National Consumer Protection Week, to visit our Consumer Alert webpage and learn more about the latest tactics being used to rip off Floridians.” Read More

Attorney General Moody Joins Multistate Coalition in Defending States' Rights to Regulate the Rising Cost of Prescription Drugs



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General Ashley Moody joined a multistate coalition of 38 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court supporting states' rights to regulate and address the rising cost of prescription drugs. In Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, Attorney General Moody and the other attorneys general argue that in order to protect the well-being of consumers, states must retain the authority to regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers. This brief supports the position that federal law does not prevent states from regulating PBMs. The brief argues that regulation of the prescription drug market, including PBMs, is a critical tool for states to protect residents and address the access and affordability of prescription drugs.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Maintaining control over our state's prescription drug market is important in keeping healthcare costs affordable for Floridians. I'm proud to join 37 other attorneys general in filing this brief to make sure our state retains the right to make decisions regarding the citizens of Florida." Read More

Attorney General Moody Convenes the First Statewide Council on Human Trafficking Meeting Following Super Bowl LIV



Attorney General Ashley Moody convened the first Statewide Council on Human Trafficking meeting in Tallahassee following Super Bowl LIV. The meeting, chaired by Attorney General Moody, involved state government officials, law enforcement leaders and other representatives from across Florida to discuss progress in the fight against human trafficking. It is the Council's first meeting of the year.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Our statewide council, along with our partners, worked hard to stop human trafficking ahead of this year's Super Bowl. Twenty-two victims of trafficking were rescued, including children. While this is encouraging news, our work will not stop. Florida will be hosting several large-scale events, including next year's Super Bowl, and will be the target of traffickers to come. We will fight hard against this evil to protect Floridians and rescue victims."
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Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody partnered with the U.S. Department of Justice to host the Keeping Seniors Safe Summit in Sun City Center. Last year, the Attorney General’s Seniors vs. Crime Program recovered more than $1.7 million for seniors—on top of more than $153 million recovered by Attorney General Moody’s Consumer Protection Division.



Attorney General Moody with U.S. Attorney General William Barr, U.S. Attorneys of Florida and Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway before the Keeping Seniors Safe Summit.


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Attorney General Moody with Sheriff Wayne Ivey and his Deputy K9 Junny.



Attorney General Moody announcing legal action against the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and former CEO Tiffany Carr. The Attorney General's action seeks to recover all wasted public funds and assets meant to help survivors of domestic violence.



Attorney General Moody leading a meeting of the Statewide Council on Human

Trafficking in the Cabinet Room of the State Capitol. Attorney General Moody



