



## Automotive News quotes Partners Allen Denson and Eric Johnson on FTC and state regulatory activities focused on auto dealers

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On June 10, *Automotive News* reported that although some auto dealers may have assumed that federal regulation has been scaled back due to leadership changes at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), attorneys say that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorneys general (AGs) have stepped up their regulatory activity in its place.

According to Hudson Cook partner [Eric Johnson](#), regulatory activity aimed at dealers has migrated to state AGs. “It’s almost like you went from one entity to be concerned about with the bureau – now you’ve got however many. You may have up to 50, or 51 if you include D.C.,” he said.

Partner [Allen Denson](#) agreed, noting that “we’ve seen more investigations and lawsuits with the attorneys general over the last two years than we had seen in the preceding years.”

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