

TIMELINE OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST EXXONMOBIL



Mar. 29, 2016

Schneiderman and several other state attorneys general hold a press conference announcing the formation of "[AGs United for Clean Power](#)," an informal group designed to promote anti-oil and gas policies at the state and federal level.

Jun. 15, 2016

Thirteen state AGs [call](#) Schneiderman and Healey's investigations into ExxonMobil "a grave mistake," adding, "We are concerned that our colleagues' investigation undermines the trust the people have invested in Attorneys General to investigate fraud."

Sept. 20, 2016

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) [launches](#) its own investigation into ExxonMobil to understand how the company values its assets in order to determine if ExxonMobil misled investors on the risks climate change poses to its business.

May 7, 2018

[The New Yorker](#) publishes a story accusing Schneiderman of physical abuse. Within hours, Schneiderman resigns from office.

Aug. 29, 2018

At a hearing in the investigation, New York Supreme Court Justice Barry R. Ostrager [urged the NY OAG](#) to either wrap up its investigation of and press charges against ExxonMobil or move on.

Nov. 6, 2018

Letitia James is elected NY AG. James was previously the New York City Public Advocate.

Nov. 4, 2015

Then-Attorney General Eric Schneiderman [announces his subpoena of ExxonMobil](#) to determine whether the company's statements to investors regarding the risks climate change posed to its business were consistent with the company's own internal climate research.

Apr. 13, 2016

Spearheaded by Schneiderman, the state AGs who participated in the AGs United for Clean Power press conference, signed a legal [common interest agreement](#) that broadly conceals communications between the states in order to subvert public records laws.

Aug. 2016

August 2016: Schneiderman indicated to the [New York Times](#) that his investigation was shifting to focus "less on the distant past than on relatively recent statements by ExxonMobil related to climate change and what it means to the company's future."

Jun. 2, 2017

June 2, 2017: Schneiderman again [shifted the focus](#) of his investigation into ExxonMobil, shifting from his original claim that the company was publicly trying to downplay the risks of global warming to a position that the company misrepresented how it was incorporating future climate policies into its business decisions, arguing that it may have inflated the risks climate change posed to its operations.

Aug. 3, 2018

After reviewing more than 4.2 million company documents, the [SEC drops its investigation](#) into ExxonMobil, determining that the evidence did not warrant any enforcement action.

Oct. 24, 2018

Underwood ends the NY AG's three-plus year investigation into ExxonMobil by [filing a lawsuit](#) claiming that ExxonMobil misrepresented how it accounts for the potential future costs of climate policies to its investors.

Oct. 2019

The trial begins.