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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 23, 2019



This week, we issued a Consumer Alert about scams targeting victims of the Equifax data breach, the largest credit-reporting data breach in our nation's history—affecting more than half of the adults in the country.

Following a multistate investigation, my office entered into [a historic \\$600 million settlement](#) over failed security measures that exposed the personal information of millions. Our settlement requires Equifax to pay victims through a claims process.

A website is in place to expedite claims, and already scammers are trying exploit the process. They are sending phishing emails to drive potential victims to a fake claims page. The page asks for Social Security numbers and other personal data.

DON'T FALL FOR THIS SCAM.

To file a claim, go directly to the official claims page: EquifaxBreachSettlement.com. This site will allow you to file online or download a form to file through the mail.

Here are some more tips to help you avoid the Equifax Phishing Scam:

- File now. By going directly to the website and taking action now, you are less susceptible to any future claims scams;
- The claims process is free, so be wary of any site requiring a filing fee; and
- Finally, don't respond to any messages or click on any links directing you to a claims website.

For more tips, see the full Consumer Alert by clicking [here](#). And remember, educating yourself about the latest scams and taking steps to avoid falling victim will help us build a stronger, safer Florida.



In The News

VIDEO: Attorney General Ashley Moody Warns of Equifax Phishing Scam, Space Coast Daily

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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Hosts Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table at the Florida Supreme Court



Attorney General Ashley Moody, in conjunction with Chief Justice Charles T. Canady, hosted part four of the Attorney General's Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table Summer Series. The discussion, held at the Florida Supreme Court, focused on the mental health challenges in the Florida courts system. Chief Justice Charles Canady, Chief Judges and numerous other County and Circuit Judges from across the state joined in the discussion, sharing strategies to effectively address mental health issues in order to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and streamline costs.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I am encouraged by today's round table discussion and hopeful the information and strategies shared will help ensure that we are doing everything possible to effectively address mental health issues, reduce recidivism and increase public safety. I especially want to thank Chief Justice Canady for his participation and passion, and for hosting us at the Florida Supreme Court today." [Read More](#)

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody Joins Growing Special Olympics Florida Board of Directors

Attorney General Ashley Moody

NEWS ALERT



Special Olympics

Florida announces Ashley Moody, Florida Attorney General, will join its Board of Directors. General Moody brings a passion for community impact and highly-respected leadership skills, which will help to serve and support athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I am excited to help further the great work of Special Olympics Florida by joining the Board of Directors. Special Olympics Florida provides athletes an opportunity to set and achieve goals, build lasting relationships, develop social skills, and of course, improve their health through physical competition and exercise. Florida law enforcement has a rich history of supporting the Special Olympics through the annual Torch Run, and I am proud to stand with our brave law enforcement officers to promote the games and athletes."

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Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody held a Statewide Council on Human Trafficking meeting at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Tampa. More than 130 people attended the event. To watch the meeting, click [here](#).



Attorney General Moody with Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister and Florida State Representative Heather Fitzenhagen following the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking meeting.



Attorney General Moody spoke at the Florida Behavioral Health Conference in Tampa. Attorney General Moody received an advocacy award from Florida Behavioral Health Association CEO Melanie Brown-Woofter and FBHA Board of Directors President Bill Gardham.



Attorney General Moody attending a U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking event in Tampa. USIAHT finds new and innovative ways to combat human trafficking, raises awareness and provides safe environments for victims.



USIAHT Co-Founder Kevin Malone, Nell Goldman, Kim Gonzalez, AG Moody, Lisa Weingarten, Hannah Forman and USIAHT CEO and Co-Founder Geoff Rogers
Attorney General Moody hosting a Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table event at the Florida Supreme Court. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles T. Canady and judges from across the state participated in the round table. To watch the round table, click [here](#).



Attorney General Moody with Florida Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President David Hart and President/CEO Mark Wilson in the Attorney General's Capitol office.



Attorney General Moody talking to Capitol Press Corps reporter Forrest Saunders about teen vaping.



Attorney General Moody speaking to News Service of Florida reporter Tom Urban about the Equifax phishing scam.

