

Climate Change Litigation and Legislation Are Heating Up

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Climate change has long been a center of attention among scientists, journalists and activists. In recent times, it has also given rise to increased litigation and legislation, primarily targeting fossil fuel companies. According to Columbia Law School's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, over 1,775 climate change suits have been brought in the U.S. to date, including nearly 790 (44.5%) since 2019. In addition, states have passed or are considering legislation requiring fossil fuel companies to pay for the impact of emissions on the environment.

In an article published on July 23, 2024 in *The Legal Intelligencer's* Special Section: 2024 Energy/Environmental Law, titled "Climate Change Litigation and Legislation Are Heating Up," attorneys Patricia B. Santelle, Paul A. Briganti and Alison Bennett explore the history of climate change litigation and legislation, recent trends and more.

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