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# Affirmative Litigation by Local Governments

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# Types of Affirmative Litigation

- **SINGLE-EVENT LAWSUITS**
  *e.g.* Key Bridge litigation for Baltimore
- **CONSUMER PROTECTION AND MASS TORTS**
  *e.g.* opioids, social media, hair relaxers, JUUL
- **ENVIRONMENTAL**
  *e.g.* wastewater and drinking water treatment facility claims, climate deception, direct polluters
- **SECURITIES**
  *e.g.* portfolio monitoring and lawsuits for losses
- **IMPACT LITIGATION**
  *e.g.*, *amicus curiae* briefs, public nuisance claims



# Examples of Affirmative Litigation by Baltimore

Mayor Scott Announces Legal Steps Taken by the City of Baltimore in Response to Key Bridge Collapse

Monday Apr 15th, 2024

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**Baltimore settles 'ghost gun' lawsuit: Maker halting sales, ads in Maryland**

Lee O. Sanderlin 2/21/2024 10:30 a.m. EST

**Baltimore's climate change lawsuit returns to city court after long jurisdictional fight**

**Madeleine O'Neill** // August 4, 2023 // **3 Minute Read**

City of Baltimore Announces Lawsuit Filed Against Plastic Manufacturing Companies for Role in Pollution

Thursday Jun 20th, 2024

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**Baltimore City wins $45M settlement with Allergan, seeks billions in suits vs. other opioid distributors**



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# DiCello Levitt Municipal Litigation Workshop

- Review your current ordinances and regulations to determine and maximize your litigation opportunities.
- Work with you to develop and implement methods and tools to enhance and support litigation opportunities.
- Work with you to identify areas where your residents are paying for harm caused by others.
- Help you identify litigation opportunities to recover those costs from the responsible entities, rather than pay or push those costs onto your residents.
- Work with you on developing and framing out media and office responses to concerns that litigation might create.





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