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On 14 January the New York Attorney General (AG) announced a settlement with MPHJ Technology Investments, LLC related to the patent assertion entity’s (PAE’s) licensing demands. At least three other state attorneys general have publicly assailed the tactics of MPHJ, which allegedly demands royalty payments from small- and medium-sized businesses that use everyday technologies like a scanner connected to a computer network. Vermont, Nebraska, and Minnesota have tried to stop MPHJ from operating in their states. New York’s latest move ramps up the pressure not just on MPHJ, but on all so-called “patent trolls,” going so far as to provide general guidelines for patent assertion behavior.

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