

Municipal and State Driven Climate Change Litigation Against Manufacturers

States and municipalities have filed over three dozen climate lawsuits in the past few years, seeking to hold energy manufacturers legally liable for the effects of climate change. These lawsuits will do nothing to address climate change, its impacts or its root causes. A growing number of courts that have considered these claims have dismissed them.

Manufacturers are committed to developing the technologies that can allow us to source and use energy in new and more efficient ways to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Instead of endorsing political lawsuits that drive up costs and threaten jobs, our elected leaders should join the productive efforts already underway to deliver real and lasting climate solutions.

The Manufacturers' Accountability Project has prepared the following chart to track the status of these cases.

FAST FACTS



37

Lawsuits Filed



28

Active Cases



9

Dismissed Cases
(Final and Binding)



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Number of Defendants
Named in Each Lawsuit



0

Successful Cases

Where Each Case Stands

LAWSUIT	DATE FILED	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS	PRIMARY CLAIMS	CURRENT COURT(S)	LEAD PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL	STATUS
Beyond Pesticides v. Exxon Mobil Corp.	5/15/2020	1	Consumer Protection	Superior Court for the District of Columbia	Sher Edling LLP	In September 2021, the court granted plaintiff's petition to stay the case pending the resolution of <i>District of Columbia v. ExxonMobil Corp., et al.</i>
Boulder et al. v. Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Inc., et al.	4/17/2018	4	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	U.S. Supreme Court	The Hannon Law Firm, LLC	The Colorado Supreme Court affirmed denial of defendants' motions to dismiss in May 2025. The U.S. Supreme Court granted certiorari on Feb. 23, 2026. Briefing is complete and oral argument is scheduled for Oct. 5, 2026.
Bucks County v. BP P.L.C., et al.	3/25/2024	14	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court	DiCello Levitt LLP	Defendants filed motion to dismiss in August 2024. On May 16, 2025, the court dismissed the case with prejudice. Parties are litigating the plaintiff's appeal. Tentative session date scheduled for Oct. 13, 2026.
California v. Exxon Mobil, et al.	9/15/2023	5	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Superior Court of California, San Francisco County	Lieff, Cabraser, Heinmann & Bernstein LLP	Case stayed on Apr. 14, 2026, pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .

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City of Chicago v. BP P.L.C., et al.	2/20/2024	15	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit / Cook County Superior Court	Sher Edling LLP	Motions to dismiss filed in Cook County Superior Court on Nov. 12, 2025, while defendants appeal the remand order to the Seventh District. Defendants have since moved to stay the case pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .
Connecticut v. Exxon Mobil Corp.	9/14/2020	1	Consumer Protection	Connecticut Superior Court	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General	The Connecticut Superior Court denied defendant's motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction in July 2024. Fact discovery ongoing.
Delaware v. BP America Inc., et al.	9/10/2020	31	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Delaware Superior Court	Sher Edling LLP	The Superior Court of Delaware partially granted defendants' motions to dismiss in January 2024. Plaintiff filed an amended complaint in July 2025. Case stayed on June 9, 2026, pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .
District of Columbia v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	6/25/2020	8	Consumer Protection	Superior Court for the District of Columbia	Sher Edling LLP	On Apr. 21, 2025, the court denied defendants' motions to dismiss. Case proceeding in state court. Hearing scheduled for Sept. 10, 2026, regarding several motions, including Chevron's motion for partial summary judgment.

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Hawaii v. BP P.L.C., et al.	5/1/2025	22	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	O'ahu First Circuit Court	Hawaii Office of the Attorney General; Sher Edling LLP	Case is proceeding in the O'ahu First Circuit Court. Defendants' motion to stay the case was denied on Mar. 23, 2026, and their motions to dismiss are pending. A hearing is scheduled for Sept. 25, 2026.
Hoboken v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	9/2/2020	13	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection, RICO	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Hudson County	Krovatin Nau LLC	Case stayed pending the resolution of <i>New Jersey v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.</i>
Honolulu v. Sunoco LP, et al.	3/9/2020	20	Public Nuisance	O'ahu First Circuit Court	Sher Edling LLP	On Jan. 13, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court denied defendants' petition requesting review of the Hawaii Supreme Court's 2023 ruling affirming the denial of the motions to dismiss. Case proceeding in state court. Motion hearing scheduled for Sept. 9, 2026.
Maine v. BP P.L.C., et al.	11/26/2024	15	Public Nuisance, Consumer Deception	Maine Cumberland County Superior Court / U.S. District Court of Maine / U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	Sher Edling LLP; DiCello Levitt LLP; Hausfeld LLP	Case was remanded to state court in September 2025. Defendants appealed the remand order and filed their opening brief on July 17, 2026.

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Makah Indian Tribe v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	12/20/2023	12	Public Nuisance	Superior Court of Washington, King County	Sher Edling LLP	The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington remanded the case on Mar. 26, 2025. On Apr. 29, 2026, the Superior Court denied the defendants' motions to dismiss.
Massachusetts v. Exxon Mobil Corp.	10/24/2019	1	Investor Deception, Consumer Protection	Suffolk County Superior Court	Sher Edling LLP	Case proceeding in state court. Next status conference scheduled for Nov. 9, 2026.
Maui County v. Sunoco, et al.	10/12/2020	20	Public Nuisance	Maui Second Circuit Court	Sher Edling LLP	Parties awaiting decision on defendants' motion to dismiss following the U.S. Supreme Court's denial of defendants' petition seeking review of Ninth Circuit order affirming state court remand in Apr. 2023.
Michigan v. BP P.L.C., et al.	1/23/2026	15	Antitrust	U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan	Sher Edling LLP; DiCello Levitt LLP; Hausfeld LLP	Complaint filed the Western District of Michigan on Jan. 23, 2026. Defendants filed motions to dismiss on May 1, 2026.
Minnesota v. American Petroleum Institute, et al.	6/24/2020	6	Consumer Protection	Ramsey County District Court	Sher Edling LLP	A Minnesota District Court and the Court of Appeals allowed the case to proceed. Defendants appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court which denied review on Apr. 15, 2026.

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Multnomah County v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	6/22/2023	25	Public Nuisance, Fraud & Deceit	Circuit Court of Oregon	Thomas, Coon, Newton & Frost; Simon\ Greenstone Panatier, PC; Worthington & Caron, PC	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in October 2024. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss on Feb. 12, 2025.
Municipalities of Puerto Rico v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	11/22/2022	10	Consumer Fraud, RICO	U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico / U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman LLC	The federal district court for the District of Puerto Rico granted Defendants' motion to dismiss in September 2025. Plaintiffs appealed, and their opening appellate brief was filed in May 2026.
The Municipality of San Juan Puerto Rico v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	12/13/2023	11	Consumer Fraud, RICO	U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico / U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	David Efron Law Offices	The federal district court for the District of Puerto Rico granted Defendants' motion to dismiss in October 2025. The Municipality of San Juan appealed and filed its opening brief in March 2026.
New Jersey v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	10/18/2022	13	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division	Sher Edling LLP	The New Jersey Superior Court dismissed the case on Feb 5. 2025. Plaintiff's appeal before the Appellate Division has been stayed pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .

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New York City v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	4/22/2021	7	Consumer Protection	Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court	Sher Edling LLP	The New York State Supreme Court dismissed the case in January 2025. New York City appealed and filed its opening brief in November 2025.
City of Oakland v. BP P.L.C., et al.	9/19/2017	5	Public Nuisance	Superior Court of California, Alameda County	Sher Edling LLP	On Apr. 14, 2026, the court stayed the case, pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .
Rhode Island v. Shell Oil Products Company, LLC, et al.	7/2/2019	21	Public Nuisance	Rhode Island Superior Court	Sher Edling LLP	Case is proceeding in state court, where Defendants' motions to dismiss remain pending. A hearing on the motion for discovery is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2026.
San Mateo, et al. v. Chevron Corp., et al.	7/17/2017	32	Public Nuisance	Superior Court of California	Sher Edling LLP	On Apr. 14, 2026, the court stayed the case, pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .
San Miguel County v. Energy Inc., et al.	4/17/2018	4	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Denver District Court	The Hannon Law Firm, LLC	Case stayed in Denver District Court pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Suncor v. Boulder</i> .

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Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	12/20/2023	12	Public Nuisance	Superior Court of Washington, King County	Sher Edling LLP	The case was consolidated with <i>Makah Indian Tribe v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.</i> on June 2, 2025. On Apr. 29, 2026, the Superior Court denied the defendants' motions to dismiss. Hearing held on Aug. 29, 2026, regarding ConocoPhillips' motion to dismiss.
Vermont v. Exxon Mobil Corp, et al.	9/14/2021	12	Consumer Protection	Vermont Superior Court, Chittenden Unit	Lewis Baach Kaufmann Middlemiss PLLC	In December 2024, the Vermont Superior Court denied defendants' motion to dismiss. Defendants' request for interlocutory review was denied by the Vermont Supreme Court on May 12, 2025; case proceeding in state court.

Dismissed Cases (Final and Binding)

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Annapolis v. BP P.L.C., et al.	2/22/2021	26	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Maryland Supreme Court	Sher Edling LLP	The Maryland Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County granted defendants' motion to dismiss on Jan. 25, 2025. Plaintiff appealed. The Maryland Supreme Court affirmed dismissal on Mar. 24, 2026.
Anne Arundel County v. BP P.L.C., et al.	4/26/2021	26	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Maryland Supreme Court	Sher Edling LLP	The Maryland Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County granted defendants' motion to dismiss on Jan. 25, 2025. Plaintiff appealed. The Maryland Supreme Court affirmed dismissal on Mar. 24, 2026.
Baltimore v. BP P.L.C., et al.	7/20/2018	26	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Maryland Supreme Court	Sher Edling LLP	The Maryland Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County granted defendants' motion to dismiss on Jan. 25, 2025. Plaintiff appealed. The Maryland Supreme Court affirmed dismissal on Mar. 24, 2026.
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. Exxon Mobil Corp., et al.	7/15/2024	9	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico	Sher Edling LLP	Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case on May 2, 2025.
Charleston v. Brabham Oil Company, Inc., et al.	9/9/2020	24	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	South Carolina Court of Common Pleas	Sher Edling LLP	On Aug. 7, 2025, the defendants' motion to dismiss was granted. Charleston declined to appeal the dismissal.

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King County v. BP P.L.C., et al.	5/9/2018	5	Public Nuisance	U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington	Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP	Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case in September 2021.
New York City v. BP P.L.C., et al.	1/9/2018	5	Public Nuisance	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP	Second Circuit affirmed a lower court's dismissal of the case in April 2021. The city chose not to appeal.
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Inc. v. Chevron Corp., et al.	11/14/2018	30	Public Nuisance, Consumer Protection	Superior Court of California of the County of San Francisco	Sher Edling LLP	Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case in December 2023.
People of the State of New York v. Exxon Mobil Corp.	10/24/2018	1	Investor Deception	New York State Supreme Court	N/A	New York State Supreme Court dismissed the case in December 2019. The state chose not to appeal.