

Judge Dismisses Exxon's Lawsuit, Letting Multi-State Fraud Investigation Continue

Exxon Mobil Corp.'s attempt to derail a multistate fraud investigation into the company's public comments about climate change flamed out in a New York court, according to wire services, via *The Dallas Morning News*.

The report says a U.S. district judge in New York on Thursday dismissed Exxon's lawsuit claiming officials in New York and Massachusetts conspired with environmental groups in planning the securities-fraud probe and made up their minds about its outcome before it started.

Judge Valerie Caproni said in her ruling that Exxon's tactic of suing in federal courts in New York and Texas to stop the state probes "running roughshod over the adage that the best defense is a good offense."

Read the *Dallas News* article.