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Vorys partners Chaz Billington, George Stevens and Aaron Williams authored an article for *Industry Today*, titled “The Rise of Trade Secret Litigation.”

The article focuses on a historic rise in trade secret litigation, with more than 1,550 cases filed in federal courts across the United States during 2025, and the impact the trend has on affected businesses.

The article lays out several high-level steps for businesses to follow in order to protect trade secrets, including careful defining of trade secrets, proactive defense and being prepared for potential for when litigation is necessary.

Trade secret governance is not a one-time exercise. It's a journey, not a destination ... By making trade secret protection a routine part of business operations, employers not only safeguard valuable assets but also foster a culture of vigilance and accountability that benefits the entire organization. Perhaps most importantly, following these best practices can best position your business to avoid costly litigation and maintain your competitive edge.

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