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Engoron Issues \$364 Million Penalty in Trump Civil Fraud Trial

In former President Donald Trump's New York civil fraud trial, New York State Judge Arthur Engoron imposed a \$364 million penalty on Trump after ruling he was guilty of financial fraud. The ruling prevents Trump from serving as an officer or director of a corporation in New York for three years.

Engoron imposed the penalty, stating Trump "failed to accept responsibility" and that the fraud was a "venial sin, not a mortal sin." The ruling did not order any [Trump companies to be dissolved](#), with Engoron saying that "could implicate serious economic concerns."



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Arthur Engoron

In response to the ruling, Trump attorney Alina Habba said she trusts the New York State Appellate Division will overturn the ruling, [saying on X](#),

This verdict is a manifest injustice - plain and simple. It is the culmination of a multi-year, politically fueled witch hunt that was designed to "take down Donald Trump," before Letitia James ever stepped foot into the Attorney General's office. Countless hours of testimony...

— Alina Habba (@AlinaHabba) [February 16, 2024](#)



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