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Bragg Faces Lawsuits for Refusing to Release Records Related to Trump Case

Alvin Bragg isn't going unchallenged.

The Manhattan district attorney behind the indictment of former President Donald Trump has now been slapped with two lawsuits for failing to comply with Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests calling on his office to produce information about communications it might have had with the White House, Justice Department and Democrat politicians regarding the Trump prosecution.

The Washington, D.C.-based think tank The Heritage Foundation [says in its lawsuit](#) that it suspects Bragg coordinated with the Biden administration and with Representative Daniel Goldman (D-N.Y.) with respect to Trump's case. Per Heritage's lawsuit, the actions of Bragg's office prompted U.S. House committees to probe its conduct.

Fox News, which first reported on the lawsuits against Bragg, quoted from the filing of the first suit: "Regrettably, these questions have not been met with answers. These reports have raised concerns in many circles based in large part upon the longstanding history of President Trump's political opponents coordinating their activities to systematically weaponize the criminal justice system against him and thereby pervert the course of Justice."

In another lawsuit filed by Heritage, the think tank claims that Bragg scored pro bono assistance from big-time law firms with a specialization in white-collar crime. Heritage is calling on the court to force the release of requested documents in accordance with the New York Freedom of Information Law.

Mike Howell, who serves as Heritage's Oversight Project director, emphasized this belief Bragg coordinated with Democrats to go after their political rival (Trump), saying: "The fact we have to file a lawsuit against Bragg who says he can't produce these records and says he doesn't have the systems to do so, is proof-positive of another dual standard of justice at play in this country."

Calling Bragg a "hypocrite" for "wasting" New York taxpayer dollars, Howell added, "You have a weaponized actor who's going after the former president on a loony theory about his document retention, whereas the DA can't even keep his own documents, and it's in violation of the information laws he is bound by."

Trump was indicted by Bragg's office on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in the first degree back in March, the result of what prosecutors say were "hush money" payments during the 2016 election to buy the silence of porn star Stormy Daniels over an alleged brief affair with Trump.



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Bragg has characterized Trump as having falsified business records to “conceal damaging information and unlawful activity from American voters before and after the 2016 election.”

In related news, Joe Biden’s son, Hunter, struck a plea deal on Tuesday to avoid prison time for failing to pay federal income taxes and for possession of a firearm while using illegal substances. Hunter received more than \$1.5 million in taxable income in 2017 and 2018, and deliberately failed to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in income taxes on them.

A pretrial diversion agreement allows Hunter to get the charges against him dismissed if he meets certain criteria, including rehabilitation from his drug habit, according to the Department of Justice. Without such an agreement, Hunter could spend up to 10 years in prison for his gun crime.

Luckily for Hunter, not only is he getting a deal on those charges; prosecutors decided against filing charges with regard to Hunter’s business dealings with foreign actors or any other misdeeds.

Thus, in a relatively moment of time, the Bidens are now essentially able to put the Hunter scandals behind them and move on with their lives — all while Donald Trump and his family are pummeled with the full weight of a weaponized, partisan justice system.

Many conservative figures [lashed out](#) at the plea deal, which they blasted as evidence of a two-tiered system.

Donald Trump, Jr. said it “reeks of favoritism,” while political strategist and Trump ally Roger Stone told 10 News San Diego: “Where are the charges for money laundering, failure to file as foreign agents, registration act filing while lobbying for a foreign country and bribery?”

Meanwhile, Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), chairman of the House Oversight Committee, tweeted, “DOUBLE STANDARD FOR JUSTICE.”

In short, while Trump’s legal ordeals are just beginning, the Bidens are able to breathe a sigh of relief knowing theirs are coming to a close. Is it any wonder so many Americans have lost faith in their government?

The plea deal offered Hunter Biden presents Republicans with an important choice. Will they simply fume and complain about hypocrisy as they have typically done when confronted by such instances of one-sidedness? Or will they actually do something?

If anything, the fact that prosecutors clearly show zero priority for pursuing justice amid the many credible allegations of wrongdoing by the Biden family only further illustrates the responsibility and duty which Republican lawmakers have to investigate the matter as far as their legal authority allows them. That extends to the impeachment powers granted them under the Constitution.



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