



# Dominion's Security Chief Sues Trump Campaign & Others for Defamation

Eric Coomer (shown), the security director of Dominion Voting Systems, has filed a defamation lawsuit against President Trump's campaign, attorneys Rudy Giuliani and Sidney Powell, and several conservative media outlets and news personalities for allegedly making him the subject of death threats.

Coomer <u>said</u> he wants his life back after being named by the above entities as being involved in fraudulent activity in the 2020 election. His lawsuit, filed Tuesday in district court in Denver County, Colorado, also names Newsmax, One America News Network (OANN), the Gateway Pundit, columnist Michelle Malkin, and conservative activist Joseph Oltmann.



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"I have been thrust into the public spotlight by people with political and financial agendas but, at heart, I am a private person," Coomer said in a statement.

"While I intend to do everything I can to recapture my prior lifestyle, I have few illusions in this regard," he said. "And so, today, I put my trust in the legal process, which has already exposed the truth of the 2020 presidential election."

Coomer's lawyers say their client has become "the face of false claims." His name first gained public attention in a podcast by Oltmann during which he claimed to have heard an Antifa strategy call. When the prospect of a Trump victory was allegedly brought up during that call, Oltmann said a man identified as "Eric from Dominion" supposedly assured the rest of the call's participants: "Don't worry about the election, Trump is not going to win. I made ... sure of that."

In an <u>opinion piece</u> for the Denver Post, Coomer wrote that he has no connections to Antifa, was never on any call and the idea that there is some recording of him is "wholly fabricated."

#### Wrote Coomer:

Still, with these assurances and facts that are readily available to all of us, uninformed and unscrupulous individuals upset by the outcome of a free and fair election have launched a smear campaign to discredit the professional and diligent work performed by me, the company I work for, and the thousands of election workers who worked overtime during a pandemic putting our health and safety at risk to ensure the votes were counted accurately, securely, and transparently.

Oltmann also claimed that Coomer made anti-Trump comments on Facebook; Coomer's lawsuit



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acknowledged that he did, but said his private Facebook account is now inactive.

Oltmann's accusations gained traction after he was interviewed by Michelle Malkin and the Gateway Pundit. Eric Trump tweeted about them and OANN reported on them. Powell, meanwhile, said at a news conference that Coomer's "social media is filled with hatred" towards

At a news conference, Giuliani called Coomer "a vicious, vicious man. He wrote horrible things about the president.... He is completely warped."

The New American has reported on the <u>Democrat leanings</u> of Dominion employees. According to Federal Elections Commission data, the company is heavily staffed by Democrat donors. Of 96 political donations to national campaigns that came from individuals who listed their employer as "Dominion Voting" or "Dominion Voting Systems," 92 (95.8 percent) went to Democrats.

The roles of the employees who donated spanned everything from set-up to tabulation, including software developers, network engineers, software production specialists, and implementation managers. The primary method through which the Democratic-leaning employees contributed was through ActBlue.

The total of Dominion donations to Democrat candidates and causes is \$1,154.90.

By contrast, only four donations, which totaled \$86.25, went to Republican candidates over a six-year period.

In addition, Dominion has employed various Democratic party-linked lobbyists to assist on issues such as "monitor[ing] federal legislation" and "issues related to election security." Among them is one of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) chiefs of staff and Brian McKeon, who worked as a "voter protection director" for Barack Obama's 2012 campaign.

OANN has highlighted the fact that Dominion has ties to the Clinton Foundation.

Penelope Chester-Starr is Dominion's communications manager. Before assuming that role, she worked for the Clinton Growth Initiative and was vice president for Teneo, the firm created to help manage Bill and Hillary Clinton's foreign businesses and which booked their personal speaking engagements. Chester-Starr also helped organize a 2017 Women's March protesting President Trump.

Can Americans trust the assurances of a company whose employees are so clearly invested in President Trump's defeat?





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