



The Democracy Legal Strike Force

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The **Democracy Legal Strike Force** was launched in 2022 and is managed by Democracy 21 Education Fund and its President Fred Wertheimer, with pro bono advice from Ambassador Norman Eisen (ret.). The project monitors and pursues legal and related opportunities to combat and hold accountable the dangerous anti-democracy forces that have been unleashed in our country.

Our Democracy Legal Strike Force project advances the foundational American principle that no one is above the law.

Since its inception, the Democracy Legal Strike Force has provided rapid-response legal work with the objective of protecting our system of democratically elected representative government and challenging anti-democracy efforts.

The project utilizes the expertise of law firms, lawyers, and partner organizations, including some of the nation's best legal minds, and is set up in a manner that allows us to act swiftly and effectively when opportunities arise.

Our work supports efforts to hold former President Donald Trump accountable for his abuses of democratic and constitutional norms and values, in and out of office, and to hold others who undermine our democracy and constitutional values accountable.

The Democracy Legal Strike Force has played a major role in providing analysis, insight, and deeply researched legal materials, including amicus briefs, in support of prosecutors in the federal Jan. 6 case, the Fulton County Georgia DA's 2020 election interference case, the federal Mar-a-Lago classified documents case, and the Manhattan DA's Trump hush money case.

Being able to provide powerful legal briefs, research, and analysis in a short period of time illustrates the Democracy Legal Strike Force's work to stand up to dangerous anti-democratic activities in our country.

The Democracy Legal Strike Force has played, and continues to play, a major role in providing analysis, insight, and deeply researched legal materials, including preparing and filing amicus briefs, in support of prosecutors in:

- *United States of America v. Donald J. Trump* – the federal government’s Jan. 6 case;
- *State of Georgia v. Donald J. Trump, et. al.* – the Fulton County Georgia DA’s 2020 election interference case;
- *United States of America v. Donald J. Trump* – the federal government’s Mar-a-Lago classified documents case; and
- *The People of the State of New York v. Donald J. Trump* – the Manhattan DA’s hush money case.

The Strike Force is also working in support of investigations in other states, including Arizona and Michigan, and we continue to monitor other areas where our work can be helpful.

The following is a sample of the legal work, including amicus briefs, communications, and other activities undertaken by the Democracy Legal Strike Force since its inception in the summer of 2022.

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