

Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Addresses Risks from Susman Godfrey

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SUSPENDING SECURITY CLEARANCES TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL INTEREST: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to suspend security clearances held by individuals at Susman Godfrey LLP (Susman) pending a review of whether such clearances are consistent with the national interest.

- Security clearances held by Susman employees will be immediately suspended, pending a review of whether their access to sensitive information is consistent with the national interest.
 - The Federal Government will halt all material and services, including sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) access provided to Susman and restrict its employees’ access to government buildings.
 - Federal Agencies will also refrain from hiring Susman employees unless specifically authorized.
- To ensure taxpayer dollars no longer go to contractors whose earnings subsidize activities not aligned with American interests, the Federal Government will terminate contracts that involve Susman.
- The practices of Susman will be reviewed under Title VII to ensure compliance with civil rights laws against racial bias.

ADDRESSING ROGUE LAW FIRMS: President Trump believes that lawyers and law firms that engage in conduct detrimental to critical American interests should not be subsidized by American taxpayers or have access to our Nation’s secrets.

- Susman spearheads efforts to weaponize the American legal system and degrade the quality of American elections.
- Susman funds groups that engage in dangerous efforts to undermine the effectiveness of the U.S. military through the injection of political and radical ideology, and it supports efforts to discriminate on the basis of race.
- Susman has been accused of engaging in unlawful discrimination, including on the basis of race.
 - Susman administers a program where it offers financial awards and employment opportunities only to “students of color.”

A RETURN TO ACCOUNTABILITY: President Trump is delivering on his promise to end the weaponization of government and protect the nation from partisan and bad faith actors who exploit their influence.

- In addition to Susman, President Trump has also taken action to hold other major law firms accountable.
- This Executive Order aligns with President Trump’s priority on refocusing government operations to serve the citizens of the United States.
- It builds on President Trump’s previous actions, such as signing an Executive Order on his first day in office to end the weaponization of the Federal government and ensure accountability for past misconduct.
- It follows his revocation of security clearances held by intelligence officials who falsely claimed Hunter Biden’s laptop was Russian disinformation during the 2020 election.