

# Prominent Insurrectionists Investigated By The January 6th Committee Remain Embedded And Influential In Conservative Politics

**SUMMARY:** Prominent insurrectionists investigated by the January 6th Committee including **Cleta Mitchell**, **John Eastman**, **Mark Meadows**, and **Kurt Olsen** are still influential and connected to members of Congress and prominent conservative groups.

**The Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI)**--where **Mitchell** and **Meadows** are both high-profile officials--works closely with numerous members of congress.

- Several members of congress [record their podcasts at CPI's studio](#), including **Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO)**, **Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ)**, and **Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)**.
- In September 2021, CPI held its [Annual Partners Conference at the Trump International Hotel](#) in Washington, D.C. "to give top CPI supporters a chance to 'kick the tires' on their investment." Members of Congress, including **Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX)**, **Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)**, and **Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)**, spoke at the event.
- At A February 2021 retreat, CPI paid for the [travel expenses](#) of members of Congress including **Rep. Jim Jordan, (R-OH)**, **Rep. Paul Gosar, (R-AZ)**, and **Rep. Scott Perry, (R-PA)**.
- Prominent [members of congress](#) are also donors to CPI including **Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)**, **Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO)**, **Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)**, **Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)**, **Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX)** **Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)**, and **Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)**.

**Eastman** and **Mitchell** are also high-ranking officials at the **Public Interest Legal Foundation**. PILF remains at the [forefront of efforts to disenfranchise](#) vulnerable voters. Since the Capitol Riot, the organization has [promoted unfounded evidence](#) that the 2020 election was stolen, led efforts to [roll back voting rights](#), and trained a legion of activists to [harass local election officials](#) and disrupt elections.

**Mitchell** and **Eastman** are also members of the country's [most prominent law society for conservatives](#), the **Federalist Society**. The Federalist Society [helped choose and confirm](#) President Trump's Supreme Court nominees and nearly all of his appeals court judges.

**Eastman** is also a board member at the **Claremont Institute**, which has been called "[The Intellectual Home Of America's Trumpist Right](#)" and "[a Nerve Center of the American Right](#)" by *MSNBC* and *The New York Times*, respectively. Despite his efforts to assist with overturning the 2020 election, Eastman continued to work for Claremont and filed multiple amicus briefs to the Supreme Court for the organization in 2022.

**Mitchell** also holds high-profile roles at other powerful and influential right-wing organizations:

- **FreedomWorks:** Mitchell is in charge of a [\\$10 million dollar FreedomWorks initiative](#) to push for voting restrictions and train conservatives for local elections. FreedomWorks also reportedly led [protests against purported voter fraud](#) after the 2020 election
- **Bradley Foundation:** Mitchell has served as a board member of the Bradley Foundation, a right-wing funder that has given away nearly [\\$1 billion](#) to various groups since its inception since 2012. "The *New Yorker* estimated that since Mitchell joined the group it has spent roughly [\\$18 million](#) to push for voter suppression or spread conspiracies and disinformation that undermined public confidence in election security.
- At the **Conservative Partnership Institute**, Mitchell heads up its [Election Integrity Network](#), where she aggressively trains right-wing activists, conspiracy theorists, and 2020 election deniers to "[stake out election offices, file information requests, monitor voting, work at polling places and keep detailed records of their work.](#)" Mainstream conservative groups such as the **Heritage Foundation** and the **Republican National Committee** support EIN's efforts.
- Mitchell is also a board member at the **Institute For Free Speech**.

**Kurt Olsen** recently joined the legal team representing defeated GOP gubernatorial candidate **Kari Lake** in her latest attempt to overturn the results of Arizona's midterm election. Olsen also represented Lake prior to the election in a lawsuit they lost. A federal judge sanctioned Olsen, Lake, and the rest of their legal counsel for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

## John Eastman

### John Eastman's Involvement In The Insurrection Was The Subject Of A January 6th Committee Hearing As Well As A Fulton County, Georgia Subpoena

**The House Select Committee Investigating January 6<sup>th</sup> Held A Hearing Focused On Eastman's Role In Presenting His Legal Theory To Overturn The 2020 Election.** "The House select committee investigating the deadly January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by a pro-Trump mob presented a series of significant revelations during a hearing on Thursday about conservative Trump attorney John Eastman. The revelations provide new insight into Eastman's role as a central figure in the effort led by former President Donald Trump to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. The hearing focused on the intense pressure campaign that Trump directed at then-Vice President Mike Pence in an effort to compel Pence to help carry out a plan to overturn the election results. The committee walked through how Eastman put forward a legal theory that Pence could unilaterally block certification of the election -- a theory that was roundly rejected by Trump's White House attorneys and Pence's team, but was nevertheless embraced by the former President." [CNN, [6/16/22](#)]

**Federal Agents Seized Eastman's Phone In June 2022.** "Federal agents armed with a search warrant have seized the phone of John Eastman, a lawyer who advised former President Donald J. Trump on key elements of the effort to overturn the results of the 2020 election,

according to a court filing by Mr. Eastman on Monday. The seizure of Mr. Eastman's phone is the latest evidence that the Justice Department is intensifying its sprawling criminal investigation into the various strands of Mr. Trump's efforts to remain in power after he was defeated for re-election." [The New York Times, [6/27/22](#)]

**Eastman Was Also Subpoenaed By The Special Grand Jury In Fulton County, Georgia, Which Is Investigating Potential Criminal Interference In The Election.** "The Fulton County special grand jury investigating potential criminal interference in Georgia's 2020 elections has subpoenaed key members of former President Donald Trump's legal team, including his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, according to copies obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In addition to Giuliani, those being summoned include John Eastman, Cleta Mitchell, Kenneth Chesebro and Jenna Ellis, all of whom advised the Trump campaign on strategies for overturning Democrat Joe Biden's wins in Georgia and other swing states." [AJC, [7/05/22](#)]

### **John Eastman Is A Prominent Lawyer, Federalist Society Member, Public Interest Legal Foundation Official, And Senior Fellow At The Claremont Institute**

**John Eastman Was A Federalist Society Member, Contributor, And Speaker.** "Demand Justice told CNBC that it wants corporations to stop giving to the Federalist Society after member John Eastman, a lawyer and former law professor at Chapman University, spoke at the rally." [CNBC, [1/15/21](#)]

- **As Of August 2022, Eastman Was Still Prominently Featured On The Federalist Society's Website As A "Contributor And Speaker."** [Federalist Society, [Accessed 8/2/22](#)]

**John Eastman Is A Senior Fellow At The Claremont Institute.** [Claremont Institute, [Accessed 8/2/22](#)]

- **Eastman Is Also A Board Member At The Claremont Institute.** "But one place where he is still welcome is the Claremont Institute. Eastman is a senior fellow at the four-decade-old conservative think tank; a member of its board of directors; and the founding director of its Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a shingle under which he sporadically files lawsuits and amicus briefs." [The Bulwark, [7/13/21](#)]
- **The Claremont Institute Has Been Called "'The Intellectual Home Of America's Trumpist Right.'" "A recent piece in The Atlantic described the influential conservative think tank Claremont Institute as 'the intellectual home of America's Trumpist right.'" [MSNBC, [10/17/21](#)]**

**Eastman Is A Board Member At The Public Interest Legal Foundation.**

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- **Reuters: PILF Is One Of The Main Groups Pushing Purges Of Voter Rolls That Could Disproportionately Affect Minority Voters, Who Tend To Vote For The Democratic Party.** “These groups have helped lead a larger movement in the Republican Party that has seen states pass restrictions on voting, including strict voter identification laws passed by nine states since 2005. They have sought purges of voter rolls that could disproportionately affect minority voters, who tend to vote for the Democratic Party, according to voting-rights advocates and election officials who have opposed these efforts.” [Reuters, [9/09/20](#)]
- **PILF Is A Prolific Leader Of Filing Election Law Challenges.** “The Public Interest Legal Foundation, a group funded by the Bradley Foundation, is leading the way. Based in Indiana, it has become a prolific source of litigation; in the past year alone, it has brought nine election-law cases in eight states.” [The New Yorker, [8/02/21](#)]

### **John Eastman Presented Trump With A Six Point Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election And Spoke At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Riot**

**On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Eastman Met With Trump And Pence To Propose A Six Step Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election.** “An attorney who worked with former President Trump's legal team tried to convince then-Vice President Mike Pence that he could overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and provided him with a six-step plan, according to a new book from journalists Bob Woodward and Robert Costa. CNN, citing a memo initially obtained by the book's authors, reported that attorney John Eastman first proposed the plan to Pence on Jan. 4 in the Oval Office with Trump. The memo called for throwing out the election results in seven states under the false claim that those states had used alternate electors.” [The Hill, [9/21/21](#)]

**Eastman Appeared At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Right On January 6th, 2021 To Claim That Election Officials Stole The 2020 Election From Trump.** “In the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, Eastman was an influential advisor to Trump as the outgoing president schemed to hold onto power; on the day of the Capitol riot, Eastman appeared at the rally with Trump, where he accused election officials of stealing the election.” [MSNBC, [10/17/21](#)]

**Op-Ed: After Eastman's Actions Around The 2020 Election, He Became A "Pariah" In Most Circles—But Groups Like The Conservative Claremont Institute Has Firmly Stood Behind Him.** “But even as Eastman has become a legal pariah, Claremont remains solidly behind him. Just last week, the institute put out a widely derided statement denying that Eastman had actually urged Pence to overturn the election (even though his memo clearly did just that.)” [Charlie Sykes Op-Ed, MSNBC, [10/17/21](#)]

**Eastman Told Trump His Plan To Overturn The Election Wasn't Legal, But Aggressively Pursued It Regardless.** “John Eastman acknowledged the plot to block certification of Joe Biden's election victory wasn't legal but, ultimately, aggressively pushed it anyway. Even after the attack on the Capitol, he pushed for then-Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the election. And Eastman later sought a presidential pardon from President Donald Trump.” [NBC News, [6/16/22](#)]

## **Numerous Complaints Against Eastman Have Been Filed To The California Bar**

**Multiple Lawyers Demanded An Investigation Into Eastman By The California Bar.** “In California, multiple prominent lawyers demanded an investigation of attorney John Eastman's campaign to pressure Vice President Pence to throw a wrench in the certification of the electoral votes.” [Above The Law, [10/5/21](#)]

**Lawyers Defending American Democracy Put Together A Complaint Signed By 1,300 Lawyers Against Eastman To the California Bar.** “Eastman, whose sudden separation from Chapman University Law School followed close on the heels of his participation in the January 6 rally, was already facing one complaint in his home state of California. And now he's got another reminder of his standing within the profession, as some 1,300 attorneys have already signed their names to a complaint filed by Lawyers Defending American Democracy (LDAD) against Eastman with the State Bar of California.” [Above The Law, [12/17/21](#)]

## **John Eastman Filed Three Amicus Briefs On Behalf Of The Claremont Institute In 2022 Pursuant To Cases The Court Was Set To Hear In The October 2022 Term**

### ***Sackett v. EPA***

**John Eastman Filed An Amicus Brief In Sackett v. EPA On Behalf On The Claremont Institute In April 2022.**

In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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MICHAEL SACKETT, ET UX.,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, ET AL.,  
*Respondents.*

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On Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE THE  
CLAREMONT INSTITUTE'S CENTER FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL JURISPRUDENCE  
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

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[*Sackett v. EPA*. Brief amicus curiae of The Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence. [18 April 2022](#).]

**Sackett v. EPA Regards What Defines “Waters Of The United States” And Will Shape What Authority The EPA Has Under The Clean Waters Act.** “The Supreme Court’s decision to hear *Sackett v. EPA* this fall will potentially shape EPA’s rulemaking, implementation, and breadth of its authority under the CWA.” [Harvard Law, Environmental & Energy Law Program, [6/24/22](#)]

### **303 Creative LLC v. Elenis**

**John Eastman Filed An Amicus Brief In 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis On Behalf On The Claremont Institute In May 2022.**

In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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303 CREATIVE LLC, ET AL.,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

AUBREY ELENIS, ET AL.,  
*Respondents.*

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On Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

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[*303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*. Brief amicus curiae of The Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence. [26 May 2022](#).]



**303 Creative LLC v. Elenis Regards Whether Businesses Can Announce Their Intent To Discriminate Against Gay People.** “Because she opposes same-sex marriage on religious grounds, Smith does not want to design websites for same-sex weddings, and she wants to post a message on her own website to explain that. But a Colorado law prohibits businesses that are open to the public from discriminating against gay people or announcing their intent to do so.” [SCOTUS Blog, [2/22/22](#)]

**303 Creative LLC v. Elenis “Could Undo Decades Of Civil Rights Protections.”** “In 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis, a web designer named Lorie Smith seeks the court’s permission to publicly announce that due to her religious convictions, her company “will not be able to create websites for same-sex marriages or any other marriage that is not between one man and one woman.” [Slate, [3/9/22](#)]

**303 Creative LLC v. Elenis Is Apart Of A “Nationwide Experimental Legal Strategy Spearheaded By The [Alliance Defending Freedom].”** “303 Creative is not stand-alone litigation. Rather, it is part of a nationwide experimental legal strategy spearheaded by the ADF to advance a broader anti-LGBTQ project. The strategy is aggressive and preemptive, as I have documented in my research on the group’s methods leading up to Smith’s case. The ADF seeks to secure an advance judicial permission to engage in what is currently forbidden after the fact: refusals to transact with LGBTQ parties. In a wave of preemptive proceedings, the organization represents businesses owned by devout Christians who declare an intention to refuse to deal with LGBTQ couples in the context of marriage. These businesses sue before they deny anyone service and thus, by definition, without being challenged by any legal authority.” [Slate, [3/9/22](#)]

**The Alliance Defending Freedom Features The Case On Their Website.**

The screenshot shows the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ADF logo, the text "ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM", and several icons: a hamburger menu, a magnifying glass labeled "SEARCH", a scale of justice labeled "LEGAL", a speech bubble labeled "CONTACT", and a red button with a dollar sign labeled "DONATE". Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of Lorie Smith, a woman with long brown hair, smiling and sitting at a desk with a laptop. Overlaid on the bottom left of the banner is the text "303 Creative v. Elenis". Below the banner, there is a section titled "Summary" with a green "Active" tag and "U.S. Supreme Court" text. The summary text describes Lorie Smith's business, 303 Creative, and her religious beliefs. It mentions that she was forced to create websites promoting messages that contradict her beliefs about marriage. It also notes that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled against her in July 2021, and she appealed to the Supreme Court on September 24, 2021. The Supreme Court granted her petition for review on February 22, 2022, and oral arguments are expected this fall.

[Alliance Defending Freedom, Accessed [8/2/22](#)]

***Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College***

**John Eastman Filed An Amicus Brief In Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard On Behalf On The Claremont Institute In May 2022.**

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[*Students for Fair Admissions v. Presidents and Fellows of Harvard College*. Brief amicus curiae of The Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence. [9 May 2022](#).]

**Students For Fair Admissions v. Harvard Is A Challenge To Affirmative Action Laws.** “On January 24, 2022, the Supreme Court consolidated and granted certiorari in two significant affirmative action cases. Both cases were brought by Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. (SFFA), an organization led by Edward Blum, a conservative activist who has long been involved in litigation concerning voting rights and affirmative action. Past Supreme Court cases brought by organizations lead by Blum include *Shelby County v. Holder*, which struck down the pre-clearance section of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and *Fisher v. University of Texas II*, an unsuccessful attempt at challenging affirmative action in university admissions.” [National Law Review, [4/12/22](#)]

## Cleta Mitchell

### Cleta Michell Was The Subject Of A House January 6th Committee Subpoena For Her Role In The Insurrection In Addition To Other Legal And Professional Backlash

**Mitchell Was Subpoenaed By The House January 6th Committee For Her Role In The Insurrection.** “The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has subpoenaed Cleta Mitchell and five others they accuse of promoting baseless claims of election fraud and forwarding various efforts to unwind former President Trump's 2020 loss.” [The Hill, [3/01/22](#)]

- **Mitchell Was Represented By A Law Firm That Received Payments From A Trump PAC As She Initially Worked To Defy The House Committee's Subpoena Before Testifying.** “In December 2021, Rowley, on Mitchell's behalf, filed to block the committee from obtaining her phone and text records, according to court documents reviewed by ABC News. Mitchell later withdrew the motion and testified before the committee. Rowley's firm has received a total of \$125,000 dollars from Trump's PAC since



November of last year. The firm was first paid \$50,000 on November 29, 2021, which came two weeks before Mitchell filed to block the committee, then in May received two more payments totaling \$75,000.” [ABC News, [7/01/22](#)]

**Mitchell Was Also Subpoenaed By The Special Grand Jury In Fulton County, Georgia, Which Is Investigating Potential Criminal Interference In The Election.** “The Fulton County special grand jury investigating potential criminal interference in Georgia’s 2020 elections has subpoenaed key members of former President Donald Trump’s legal team, including his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, according to copies obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In addition to Giuliani, those being summoned include John Eastman, Cleta Mitchell, Kenneth Chesebro and Jenna Ellis, all of whom advised the Trump campaign on strategies for overturning Democrat Joe Biden’s wins in Georgia and other swing states.” [AJC, [7/05/22](#)]

**Mitchell Was The Subject Of An Ethics Complaint By The D.C. Bar’s Board On Professional Responsibility For Making False Statements And Assisting Trump In Criminal And Fraudulent Behavior.** “Cleta Mitchell, the lawyer who helped former President Donald Trump try to overturn the 2020 election, faces an ethics complaint from a group that Monday said it’s seeking disciplinary actions including disbarment. Mitchell should be investigated for making false statements and assisting Trump in criminal and fraudulent behavior, according to the complaint filed with the D.C. Bar’s Board on Professional Responsibility, the lawyer regulatory body in Washington.” [Bloomberg, [3/07/22](#)]

## **Mitchell Was Central To Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election And Continues To Refuse To Acknowledge Joe Biden’s Victory**

**Mitchell Was Directed By Trump’s Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows, To Work To Challenge The Results In Georgia The Day After The 2020 Election.** “It was only the day after the election, she said, that Meadows called and asked if she could go to work in Georgia. (Meadows and Trump could not be reached for comment.) In December, Mitchell and a team of lawyers filed an election challenge in Fulton County, alleging that thousands of ballots were cast illegally; they withdrew their challenge in January after the state’s electors were certified.” [New York Times, [7/09/22](#)]

**On November 7th, The Day Most National News Outlets Called The Race For Joe Biden, Mitchell Claimed She Had Substantial Proof Of Illegal Ballots Filed By Dead People That Swayed The Election.** “President Donald Trump has proof of illegal voting in the presidential election, according to a Big Law attorney involved in challenging the results that seem to have positioned Joe Biden to become leader of the United States. Analysts have rejected the president’s claims of voter fraud, saying Trump’s legal team should use their court pleadings to provide proof of the allegations.” [Law.com, [11/07/20](#)]

**Mitchell Filed A Legal Challenge In Fulton County, GA In December 2020.** “In December, Mitchell and a team of lawyers filed an election challenge in Fulton County, alleging that thousands of ballots were cast illegally; they withdrew their challenge in January after the state’s electors were certified.” [New York Times, [7/09/22](#)]

- **Mark Meadows’ PAC Paid Mitchell’s Law Firm In December 2020.** “When the tape of the Raffensperger call became public, Mitchell resigned from her senior position at Foley & Lardner, the same law firm to which Meadows’ PAC paid more than \$6,300 in

December. It is unclear whether Mitchell or the firm still represents Meadows or the Freedom First PAC.” [Salon, [2/03/21](#)]

**Mitchell Participated In Trump’s Infamous Phone Call To The Georgia Secretary Of State Where He Demanded The Official “Find” Enough Votes For Him To Win The State.**

“Mitchell, a longtime Washington D.C. lawyer, worked with President Donald Trump to argue that he won the 2020 election and participated in the infamous phone call to the Georgia Secretary of State where Trump pushed the official to “find” enough voters to overturn Biden’s win in that state.” [Urban Milwaukee, [8/03/21](#)]

- **Mitchell Tried To Pressure Georgia Officials To Overturn The Election By Insisting She Had ‘Evidence’ Of Widespread Voter Fraud.** “Mitchell’s most public involvement in the voting wars came in participation on Trump’s call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger on Jan. 2. During that call, Mitchell insisted she had evidence of voting fraud, but officials with the secretary of state’s office told her that her data was incorrect. The call is part of an investigation by the Fulton County District Attorney’s office into whether Trump or others improperly tried to influence election officials. Mitchell would not discuss the call or the investigation.” [AP, [3/28/21](#)]

**Mitchell Continues To Publicly Claim Trump Lost The 2020 Election Due To Voter Fraud.**

“Mitchell says she believes the courts used legal trickery to avoid ever truly addressing Trump’s allegations of voter fraud. That evidence had made some conservative groups careful not to echo Trump’s baseless claims of election fraud, even as they argue for tighter restrictions on which Americans vote. Mitchell’s role could complicate that effort to keep a distance.” [AP, [3/28/21](#)]

**Mitchell Is A Prominent Official At Various Right-Wing Groups Including Freedomworks, The Bradley Foundation, The Conservative Partnership Institute, The Public Interest Legal Foundation, The Federalist Society, And The Institute For Free Speech—Where She Often Uses Her Power To Push Voting Restrictions And Dangerous Voter Fraud Conspiracies**

***FreedomWorks Put Mitchell In Charge Of A \$10 Million Initiative To Push Voting Restrictions To Curb So-Called ‘Voter Fraud’***

**In 2021 FreedomWorks Hired Mitchell After She Lost Her Job For Her Role In The Insurrection.** “Additionally, FreedomWorks recently hired attorney and conservative activist Cleta Mitchell, who lost her job at Foley Lardner after participating in Trump’s phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.” [The Daily Beast, [11/22/21](#)]

- **Then-President Donald Trump Urged Georgia Secretary Of State Brad Raffensperger To “Find” Enough Votes To Overturn His Defeat” In The 2020 Election.** “President Trump urged fellow Republican Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state, to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn his defeat in an extraordinary one-hour phone call Saturday that legal scholars described as a flagrant abuse of power and a potential criminal act. The Washington Post obtained

a recording of the conversation in which Trump alternately berated Raffensperger, tried to flatter him, begged him to act and threatened him with vague criminal consequences if the secretary of state refused to pursue his false claims, at one point warning that Raffensperger was taking 'a big risk.'" [The Washington Post, [01/03/21](#)]

**In 2021, Mitchell Was Put In Charge Of A \$10 Million Dollar FreedomWorks Initiative To Push For Voting Restrictions And Train Right-Wing Activists To Prevent So-Called "Voter Fraud" In Key Swing States.** "Last month, Mitchell was tapped by the libertarian FreedomWorks to spearhead a \$10m drive in seven key states including Georgia, Arizona and Michigan to change voting laws to curb potential but unproven election fraud, which many Democrats and legal experts view as aimed at limiting minority votes." [The Guardian, [4/25/21](#)]

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**In 2021, The Conservative Partnership Institute Launched The Election Integrity Network, An Initiative "Dedicated To Securing The Legality Of Every American Vote."** "Election Integrity Network and Who's Counting with Cleta Mitchell is a project of Conservative Partnership Institute. We are a coalition of conservative leaders, organizations, public officials and citizens dedicated to securing the legality of every American vote." [[Election Integrity Network](#)]

**EIN Is Led By Mitchell.** "CPI's "Election Integrity Network" project is led by Cleta Mitchell, the veteran lawyer who supported Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election, including joining the infamous call when the then-President urged Georgia's Secretary of State to "find" 11,780 votes." [Documented, [08/02/22](#)]

**EIN Has Worked To Recruit And Train Conservatives To Be Poll Observers.** "Like Bannon, election attorney Cleta Mitchell has used her podcast to prod conservatives to take shifts as poll observers. Her nonprofit group, the Election Integrity Network, has trained poll watchers around the country and offered online videos explaining how to monitor voting." [The Washington Post, [10/25/22](#)]

- **At EIN Events Cleta Mitchell Leads Training Sessions For Right-Wing Activists, Conspiracy Theorists, And 2020 Election Deniers To "Stake Out Election Offices, File Information Requests, Monitor Voting, Work At Polling Places And Keep Detailed Records Of Their Work."** "In seminars around the country, Ms. Mitchell is marshaling volunteers to stake out election offices, file information requests, monitor voting, work at polling places and keep detailed records of their work. She has tapped into a network of grass-root groups that promote misinformation and espouse wild theories about the 2020 election, including the fiction that President Biden's victory could still be decertified and Mr. Trump reinstated." [New York Times, [5/20/22](#)]

- **In Practice, This Infrastructure Of Conservative Poll Observers Is Intended To “Disrupt Voting And The Administration Of Elections” On The Spurious Basis Of Preventing Fraud.** “On its face, neither the mobilization of poll watchers nor increased scrutiny of election officials is necessarily concerning or even unusual. Brendan Fischer, the deputy executive director of Documented, says the difference with these events is their reliance on false and debunked information about the 2020 election. ‘The concern is that the conspiracy theorists who see fraud around every corner are going to disrupt voting and the administration of elections,’ said Fischer.” [NPR, [08/02/22](#)]

**Mainstream Conservative Groups Such As The Heritage Foundation And The Republican National Committee Work With EIN.** “Now Ms. Mitchell is prepping for the next election. Working with a well-funded network of organizations on the right, including the Republican National Committee, she is recruiting election conspiracists into an organized cavalry of activists monitoring elections.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

***Mitchell Is A High Ranking Member At The Public Interest Legal Foundation, A Leading Group In The Movement To Stoke Voter Fraud Conspiracies And Roll Back Voting Rights And Was An Important Part Of 2020 Election Denial***

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**Prior To The 2020 Election Mitchell And Fellow PILF Leader Hans Von Spakovsky Worked With American Legislative Exchange Council To Develop A Playbook To Challenge The Election Results Should Trump Not Emerge Victorious.** “Months before the 2020 vote, Lisa Nelson, the C.E.O. of alec, also anticipated contesting the election results. That February, she told a private gathering of the Council for National Policy about a high-level review that her group had undertaken of ways to challenge “the validity” of the Presidential returns. A video of the proceedings was obtained by the investigative group Documented, and first reported by the Washington Spectator. In her speech, Nelson noted that she was working with Mitchell and von Spakovsky.” [The New Yorker, [8/02/21](#)]

**Trump Touted A PILF Report That Falsely Alleged Major Risks To Mail In Voting In The Runup To The 2020 Election.** “President Trump touted a new report on voter fraud, but ProPublica found a critical error with the data. Even with the correction, experts say the report is misleading... However, after ProPublica provided evidence to PILF that it had in fact doubled the official government numbers, the organization corrected its figure. The number of undeliverable mail ballots dropped slightly from 2016 to 2018.” [ProPublica, [5/2/20](#)]

**PILF's Chairman J. Christian Adams Called People Who Deny Systematic Voter Fraud 'Flat-Earthers.'** "Adams has turned allegations of sweeping, illegal voting into a career marked by frequent litigation and a bombastic media presence — calling critics who say that there's no widespread proof of voter fraud "flat-earthers."" [NBC News, [8/27/17](#)]

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**Mitchell Is A Board Member At The Bradley Foundation.** "Mitchell, a longtime Washington D.C. lawyer, worked with President Donald Trump to argue that he won the 2020 election and participated in the infamous phone call to the Georgia Secretary of State where Trump pushed the official to "find" enough voters to overturn Biden's win in that state." [Urban Milwaukee, [8/03/21](#)]

**From 2001 To 2010, The Bradley Foundation Gave Out More Than \$350 Million In Grants.** "All told, the Bradley Foundation dispersed more than \$350 million in grants from 2001 to 2010 to hundreds of institutions, ranging from arts organizations and school choice groups in Wisconsin to prominent national policy organizations, a Journal Sentinel review shows." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/19/11](#)]

**Since Mitchell Joined The Bradley Foundation In 2012, It Is Estimated The Group Has Spent Roughly \$18 Million On Efforts To Stoke Conspiracies About Election Fraud And Efforts To Enact Voter Suppression.** "Mayer calculates that since 2012 the \$850 million foundation has spent some \$18 million on groups tied to voter suppression legislation, and most recently on stoking false fears of a stolen election." [Urban Milwaukee, [8/03/21](#)]

**The Bradley Foundation And Bradley Impact Fund Have A History Of Funding Disinformation And Groups That Supported Baseless Election Fraud Claims.** "Bradley in particular has given heavily to groups that traffic in misleading or baseless claims about "election integrity" or widespread "voter fraud." Thanks to a \$6.5 million infusion from the Bradley Impact Fund, a related nonprofit, the undercover-sting group Project Veritas nearly doubled its revenue in 2020 to \$22 million, according to the group's tax filing. Bradley is also a longtime funder of the Heritage Foundation, which helped architect the wave of voter suppression bills introduced in state legislatures this year, and True the Vote, a conservative group that trains poll watchers and stokes fears of rampant voter fraud in the past. The Bradley Foundation was founded in 1942 by the Bradley family. Brothers Harry and Lynde Bradley co-founded the Allen-Bradley company, which would later provide much of the funding for the Bradley Foundation. The nonprofit, which has given out more than \$1 billion in its history, no longer has any Bradley family members on its board." [Rolling Stone, [1/12/22](#)]

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**According To The Most Recent Public Filing, Cleta Mitchell Is A Board Member Of The Institute For Free Speech.**



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[ProPublica, Accessed [4/27/2022](#)]

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## **The Conservative Partnership Institute, Where Mitchell Is A Senior Fellow, Works Closely With And Is Funded By Prominent Members Of Congress**

**Including Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), and Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) Record Their Podcasts At CPI's Headquarters.** "The offices at 300 Independence boast an in-house podcasting studio, a television studio and a host of employees with large Twitter followings. Colorado Rep. Lauren Boebert is a "frequent visitor" to CPI's television studio, according to CPI's annual report, and she records her podcast, "Bullet Points," at CPI, as do Reps. Andy Biggs of Arizona ("What's the Biggs Idea?") and Matt Gaetz of Florida ("Firebrand"), as well as several other right-wing figures." [Grid, [7/05/22](#)]

**At A February 2021 Retreat, CPI Paid For The Travel Expenses Of Members Of Congress Including Rep. Jim Jordan, (R-OH), Rep. Paul Gosar, (R-AZ), and Rep. Scott Perry, (R-PA).** "A February 2021 retreat took place at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla. A year later, CPI also paid for representatives' flights and lodging for a retreat at the oceanfront Ritz-Carlton resort on Florida's Amelia Island. Nearly all of the invitees were members of the staunchly conservative House Freedom Caucus, including Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., and Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa." [NPR, [8/31/22](#)]

**In September 2021, CPI A Conference That Included Speeches From Members of Congress, Including Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY).** [[CPI Annual Report 2021](#)]

**Prominent Members Of Congress Have Donated To CPI Including Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), And Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA).** [FEC, [Accessed 12/16/22](#)]

## **Mark Meadows**

## **Meadows Was The "Chief Enabler" Of President Trump As He Attempted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Election.**

**The January 6th Committee Subpoenaed Meadows In September 2021 After Their Investigation Revealed "Credible Evidence" Of His Involvement In The Events That**



**Transpired At The Capitol.** "...the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by October 7, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on October 15, 2021. [...] The investigation has revealed credible evidence of your involvement in events within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry." [Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, Letter to Mark Meadows, [09/23/21](#)]

- **The Washington Post Later Described The Select Committee As Honing In On Meadows As The "Chief Enabler" To President Trump As He Sought To Hold Onto Power.** "The panel's months-long investigation has revealed the myriad ways in which Meadows is inextricably bound to the Jan. 6 attack, serving less as chief of staff than chief enabler to a president who was desperate to hold onto power." [Washington Post, [12/15/21](#)]

**Following The 2020 Election, Meadows Participated In The White House Pressure Campaign To Overturn An Election—including A Trump Phone Call Urging Georgia Officials To Overturn That State's Election Results.** "Meadows listened in on a phone call Trump made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in early January 2021 during which the then-president urged Raffensperger to "find" him enough votes to win the state." [MSNBC, [10/26/22](#)]

**After The 2020 Election, Meadows Repeatedly Pressed The Department Of Justice To Investigate Election-Related Conspiracy Theories.** "In Donald J. Trump's final weeks in office, Mark Meadows, his chief of staff, repeatedly pushed the Justice Department to investigate unfounded conspiracy theories about the 2020 presidential election, according to newly uncovered emails provided to Congress, portions of which were reviewed by The New York Times." [The New York Times, [06/05/21](#)]

**Meadows Sued The January 6th Committee In December 2021 To Prevent The Panel From Obtaining Information From Him.** "Former Trump White House chief of staff Mark Meadows is suing the House select committee investigating January 6 and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, asking a federal court to block enforcement of the subpoena the committee issued him as well as the subpoena it issued to Verizon for his phone records, according to the complaint filed Wednesday." [CNN, [12/08/21](#)]

**A Federal Judge Threw Out The Lawsuit In October 2022 And Concluded That "The Challenged Subpoenas Are Protected Legislative Acts" And That The Committee Was Within Its Rights To Request Information From Meadows.** "In a 27-page ruling issued Monday night, U.S. District Court Judge Carl Nichols said that the Constitution's "speech or debate" clause — which prohibits lawsuits against lawmakers for anything associated with their legislative work — applied in the case of the committee's subpoenas to Meadows issued in the fall of 2021. "The record makes clear that the challenged subpoenas are protected legislative acts," Nichols wrote in the decision." [Politico, [10/31/22](#)]

**CNN: Text Messages Turned Over By Meadows To The January 6th Committee Showed That He Was "At The Nexus Of Sprawling Conspiracy Theories Baselessly Claiming The Election Had Been Stolen."** "The vast trove of texts offers the most revealing picture to date of how Trump's inner circle, supporters and Republican lawmakers worked behind the scenes to try to overturn the election results and then reacted to the violence that effort unleashed at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021. The logs, which Meadows selectively provided to the House

committee investigating the January 6 attack, show how the former chief of staff was at the nexus of sprawling conspiracy theories baselessly claiming the election had been stolen. They also demonstrate how he played a key role in the attempts to stop Biden's certification on January 6." [CNN, [12/14/22](#)]

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**Meadows Joined The Conservative Partnership Institute While He Was Advising Trump On His Impeachment Trial Following The Incitement Of Insurrection At The Capitol.** "Former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows is joining the Conservative Partnership Institute, a group run by former South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint that operates as a "networking hub" for conservatives, sources familiar with his plans tell Axios. Between the lines: Meadows, who is still in frequent contact with former President Trump and has been advising him ahead of his impeachment trial, will now operate behind the scenes to help create more members like Jim Jordan, Ted Cruz, and Josh Hawley — conservative firebrands with strong networks and staffs." [Axios, [1/27/21](#)]

**Trump's PAC Donation To The Institute Came After Congress Recommended The Justice Department Charge Meadows Over His Refusal To Cooperate With Investigations Regarding The Capitol Riot.** "In December, the House voted to recommend that the Justice Department pursue contempt of Congress charges against Meadows over his refusal to cooperate with an investigation into the Trump-inspired Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol." [CNBC, [2/01/22](#)]

**Kurt Olsen**

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**Olsen Was A “Virtually Unknown” Attorney At The Small New York-Based Law Firm Klafter, Olsen & Lesser Before He Helped Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton In His Bid To Have The Supreme Court Intervene On Behalf Of Trump In The 2020 Election.** “How did a virtually unknown private attorney and associate of extreme MAGA personalities stumble his way into influencing the functions of the executive branch—to the degree that the most senior DOJ personnel had to concoct plans to fight off his onslaught? For 18 years, Olsen worked as a partner at Klafter, Olsen & Lesser, a small New York-based law firm he co-founded. But shortly after he signed on to help Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s failed bid to overturn the 2020 election at the Supreme Court, the firm changed its name and registered a new website—without Olsen’s name in the URL—on Feb. 24. Now, where Olsen’s bio used to be, a disclaimer says, ‘Kurt Olsen is not affiliated in any way with Klafter Lesser LLP.’” [The Daily Beast, [08/15/21](#)]

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[House January 6th Committee, [3/01/22](#)]

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**Olsen Is Now Representing Defeated GOP Gubernatorial Nominee Kari Lake In Her Attempt To Overturn The Results Of The 2022 Midterm Election In Arizona.**

**Kari Lake Filed A Lawsuit On December 9, 2022 Asking Maricopa County Superior Court To Issue An Order “Setting Aside The Certified Result Of The 2022 Arizona Gubernatorial Election And Declaring That Kari Lake Is The Winner” Or Alternatively “Vacating The Certified Results...[And] Requiring That Maricopa County Re-Conduct” The Election.** [Complaint in Kari Lake v. Katie Hobbs et al., [12/09/22](#)]

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**Kurt Olsen Has Been Admitted To The Case Pro Hac Vice.** [Complaint in Kari Lake v. Katie Hobbs et al., [12/09/22](#)]

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**Olsen, Along With Celebrity Attorney Alan Dershowitz, Represented Lake In An Earlier Case In Arizona, Which Resulted In A Federal Judge Sanctioning Lake And Her Legal Counsel.**

**In May 2022, Olsen And Dershowitz Joined A Group Of Lawyers, Working On Behalf Of Kari Lake And Mark Finchem.** [Kari Lake et al. v. Kathleen Hobbs et al., [05/04/22](#)]

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**Olsen and Dershowitz Sued “To Prohibit The Use Of Electronic Voting Machines” During The 2022 Midterm Election.** “This is a civil rights action for declaratory and injunctive relief to prohibit the use of electronic voting machines in the State of Arizona in the upcoming 2022 Midterm Election, slated to be held on November 8, 2022 (the “Midterm Election”), unless and until the electronic voting system is made open to the public and subjected to scientific analysis by objective experts to determine whether it is secure from manipulation or intrusion. The machine companies have consistently refused to do this.” [Complaint in Kari Lake et al. v. Kathleen Hobbs et al., [05/04/22](#)]

**Judge John J. Tuchi Of The United States District Court For The District Of Arizona Dismissed The Case In August.** “U.S. District Court Judge John Tuchi dismissed the suit in August, calling it full of “conjectural allegations of potential injuries.” [AZCentral, [12/01/22](#)]

**Tuchi Then Sanctioned Lake And Finchem As Well As Their Legal Team In December 2022 For Failing To Properly Conduct A Factual Inquiry Before Filing Their Lawsuit.** “This afternoon a federal judge sanctioned lawyers for failed Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake, who sued to force the state to use paper ballots in the November election. In point of fact, the state does use paper ballots, something which could have been determined by the plaintiff and her lawyers had they bothered to conduct ‘the factual and legal pre-filing inquiry that the circumstances of this case reasonably permitted and required.’” [Above The Law, [12/01/22](#)]

- **In His Opinion, Tuchi Described The Lawsuit As “Frivolous” And The Plaintiffs’ Legal Team As Acting “Recklessly.”** “The Court further finds that Plaintiffs’ counsel acted at least recklessly in unreasonably and vexatiously multiplying the proceedings by seeking a preliminary injunction based on Plaintiffs’ frivolous claims...” [Order in Kari Lake et al. v. Kathleen Hobbs et al., [12/01/22](#)]
- **The Judge Concluded His Opinion By Noting The Danger Inherent In Lawsuits That Would Cast Doubt On The Integrity Of Democratic Elections.** “Imposing sanctions in this case is not to ignore the importance of putting in place procedures to ensure that our elections are secure and reliable. It is to make clear that the Court will not condone litigants ignoring the steps that Arizona has already taken toward this end and furthering false narratives that baselessly undermine public trust at a time of increasing disinformation about, and distrust in, the democratic process. It is to send a message to those who might file similarly baseless suits in the future.” [Order in Kari Lake et al. v. Kathleen Hobbs et al., [12/01/22](#)]