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New York state Judge Saliann Scarpulla ruled that President Donald Trump must pay \$2 million in damages to settle claims that his Trump Foundation misused funds to further his political and business aspirations, including his 2016 presidential campaign. It was alleged that the President's campaign directly accessed funds from the Trump Foundation to support campaign activities. As a result of the ruling, the Trump Foundation will be dissolved.

"Mr. Trump's fiduciary duty breaches included allowing his campaign to orchestrate the Fundraiser, allowing his campaign, instead of the Foundation, to direct distribution of the funds, and using the Fundraiser and distribution of the funds to further Mr. Trump's political campaign," Justice Scarpulla states in the ruling.

Judge Scarpulla imposed the penalty after the president admitted to a series of abuses outlined in a lawsuit brought against him last year by then-New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood. Underwood accused the foundation of a broad pattern of illegal activity, including improper political activities and "repeated and willful self-dealing transactions."

Although he agreed to the settlement and admitted to poor oversight of the charity in a statement signed by his attorney, Trump, via tweet, seemed to down-play the lawsuit; saying it was politically motivated, and that the foundation's money was spent properly. The president's tweet last week states, "I am the only person I know, perhaps the only person in history, who can give major money to charity (\$19M), charge no expense, and be attacked by the political hacks in New York State. No wonder we are all leaving! Every penny of the \$19 million raised by the Trump Foundation went to hundreds of great charitable causes with almost no expenses."

To shutter the lawsuit, agreements reached by Trump's lawyers and the attorney general's office conclude that Trump's foundation will be dissolved and its \$2 million in remaining funds will be given to other nonprofits. The payment is to be equally disbursed to the following eight non-profits: Army Emergency Relief; Children's Aid Society; Citymeals-on-Wheels; Give an Hour; Martha's Table; United Negro College Fund; United Way of National Capital Area; and U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.