

Trump Campaign Sees Several Lawsuits Contesting the Election Results Defeated

The Trump campaign has seen a series of legal defeats derail its efforts to overturn the recent presidential election where President-elect Joe Biden has been declared the winner. The campaign filed lawsuits seeking to overturn election results in multiple states including Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Georgia, baselessly arguing that scores of voters had cast their ballots illegally. At the core of the campaign's legal challenges are the allegations that officials refused to allow Republican poll watchers into vote-processing areas and that ineligible voters cast ballots. However, judges across the country have thrown out the campaign's lawsuits, in many cases calling them frivolous and lacking in merit. President Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, is leading the campaign's legal effort, which has been criticized as scattershot. An underlying problem with each of the lawsuits has been a lack of evidence. The president's legal team has repeatedly stated that they have proof to back up their claims, but have failed to present any during the court appearances.

In Pennsylvania, the Trump campaign has filed several lawsuits seeking to prevent the state from certifying its election results for a variety of reasons. The campaign's first lawsuit alleged that Republican poll watchers had been barred from observing the counting process, which a judge promptly dismissed. Similarly, a judge dismissed a catch-all lawsuit that sought to halt the counting of hundreds of thousands of mail-in ballots from Philadelphia and its surrounding suburbs. Several smaller lawsuits have also been filed in Pennsylvania that seek to throw out ballots for technical issues, such as improperly sealed secrecy envelopes and other deficiencies. All of these legal challenges have since been defeated.

Since the election, much of President Trump's ire has been focused on the state of Georgia, where he believes the Republican governor and secretary of state aren't doing enough to support his campaign. It became clear in the days after the election that President-elect Biden would secure Georgia's electoral votes, and he became the first Democrat since President Bill Clinton in the mid-90s to win the state. However, the Trump campaign has filed several lawsuits in the state which seek to throw out thousands of ballots. However, in these lawsuits, federal judges have consistently ruled against the Trump campaign on issues such as absentee ballot fraud and the counting of illegal ballots.

The Trump campaign has also filed several lawsuits in Michigan, specifically challenging the outcome of ballots cast in Wayne County. Lawyers for the president initially sought to stop the counting of ballots in Michigan's largest county when Joe Biden began pulling ahead in the state, and filed subsequent suits after a judge dismissed the first. An additional lawsuit that challenged voter fraud was also defeated when a judge acknowledged that the Trump campaign had been unable to provide any evidence. Michigan officially certified its election results this week, which formally gave President-elect Biden victory in the state.

As the court defeats accumulate for Trump, the president's legal team has been questioned. Their effort has also been hindered by comments made by Sidney Powell, a conspiracy theorist who was working alongside the Trump team. Several court filings have been thrown out for inaccuracies, including one filed in Michigan that discussed irregular activities in Minnesota. Ultimately, the legal system has thrown out and dismissed the overwhelming majority of the Trump campaign's suits in various states across the country.