

JOHN LAURO'S MIKE PENCE GATEWAY DRUG

John Lauro worked hard to insist that everything involving Pence be excluded without closer review. But unless he invents a procedural reason to forestall DOJ's memo on September 26, DOJ will get one (or two, with the reply) chance to lay out how Trump tried to use his incumbency, and Mike Pence's role as President of the Senate, to steal an election against from Joe Biden and the woman who currently is the President of the Senate.

THE SEPTEMBER 26 BRIEF WE'LL GET IN THE TRUMP JANUARY 6 CASE

Here is Jack Smith prosecutor Thomas Windom's description of the brief he envisions submitting, arguing the Trump superseding indictment includes only private acts. Judge Tanya Chutkan has set a September 26 deadline for that.

FRIDAYS WITH NICOLE SANDLER

A discussion of Trump's many legal issues.

“IF YOU ARE A PSYCHO AND YOU WANT TO MAKE HEADLINES”

Even as Trump and JD Vance minimize the import of the latest school shooting, they continue to demand that Trump’s own shooting, by someone little different than a school shooter, have meaning they refuse to accord the murder of children in their classrooms.

HUNTER BIDEN PLEADS GUILTY

Hunter Biden just pled guilty to all charges against him.

TRUMP WILL HAVE TO DEFEND HIS ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MIKE PENCE BEFORE THE ELECTION

Judge Chutkan has issued her scheduling order for the next developments in Trump’s January 6 trial.

Rather than scheduling Trump’s frivolous attempt to challenge Jack Smith’s Special Counsel appointment first, Chutkan will instead deal with immunity first, with all briefing due a week before the election.

September 19, 2024: Defendant's Reply briefs in support of his Motion to Compel, ECF No. 167, and Motion for an Order Regarding Scope of the Prosecution Team, ECF No. 166-1. The Reply briefs shall also identify any specific evidence related to Presidential immunity that Defendant believes the Government has improperly withheld.

September 26, 2024: The Government shall file an Opening Brief on Presidential Immunity.

October 3, 2024: Defendant's Supplement to his Motion to Dismiss Based on Statutory Grounds, ECF No. 114.

October 17, 2024: Defendant's Response and Renewed Motion to Dismiss Based on Presidential Immunity.

October 17, 2024: The Government's Response to Trump's Motion to Dismiss Based on Statutory Grounds.

October 24, 2024: Defendant's Request for Leave to File a Motion to Dismiss Based on the Appointments and Appropriations Clauses.

October 29, 2024: The Government's Reply and Opposition. After briefing, the court will determine whether further proceedings are necessary.

October 31, 2024: The Government's Opposition to renewed challenge to Special Counsel.

November 7, 2024: Defendant's Reply on renewed challenge to Special Counsel.

It's not yet clear how much of the briefing on immunity will be unsealed.

But this defeats Trump's bid to delay explaining how almost getting his Vice President assassinated was an official act until after the election.

THE DOPPELGÄNGER DOSSIER

A description of the Russian propaganda plans, largely designed to help Trump, included in a takedown affidavit.

DON JR'S ONLINE BUDDIES ALLEGEDLY DEMAND \$5 MILLION FROM RUSSIAN SHELL COMPANIES TO SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HIS DADDY

Don Jr wailed when he learned DOJ was announcing more legal actions against Russian foreign influence operations. Did he know that the indictment against two RT personnel for using Tenet Media as a front would reveal Don Jr's far right buddies demand \$5 million to say nothing things about his Daddy?

STOP OBSESSING ABOUT KAMALA HARRIS' (POLLING) BUMPS

Kamala Harris has not gotten the polling bumps where pundits are trained to look for them. But even as they watch for those signs closely,

they're not contemplating how other nearly unprecedented movement might shape the race.

ALL TRUMP'S RECIDIVISTS

Steve Bannon was actually the first known Trump pardon recipient to return to crime after the pardon. But he kicked off a growing trend.