

# WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

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The Office of Counsel to the President is responsible for advising on all legal aspects of policy questions, ethical questions, financial disclosures, and conflicts of interest during employment and post-employment. The Counsel's Office also helps define the line between official and political activities, oversees executive appointments and judicial selection, handles Presidential pardons, reviews legislation and Presidential statements, and handles lawsuits against the President in his role as President, though not in personal matters.

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## AGENDAS

### PROTECT THE PRESIDENT

If any wrongdoing occurred (and you're not admitting that any did happen), then your job is to make sure that the blame winds up squarely on the shoulders of some lower level official. The president needs to emerge out of this without any legal liability. Obviously, it is better if the public thinks the president is totally innocent. But public support is less important than keeping the president out of court and keeping him (or her) from being convicted of some sort of crime.

