



The Afternoon Docket

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What's going on today?

- State AGs [denounce Trump actions](#) targeting law firms, judges.
- U.S. judge [questions his power](#) to reinstate federal workers nationwide.
- Wisconsin [court race tests Trump's approval](#) as Musk pours millions into campaign.

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[U.S. Supreme Court upholds federal 'ghost guns' restrictions](#)

In a 7-2 ruling authored by conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a regulation targeting largely untraceable "ghost guns" imposed by the Biden administration in a crackdown on firearms, the use of which has proliferated in crimes nationwide, finding the measure to be consistent with a 1968 federal law. [Read more about the decision.](#)

[Read the opinion.](#)

In another opinion the court ruled that bankruptcy trustees may not claw back allegedly fraudulent federal tax payments made more than two years before a company's bankruptcy filing. Read more about the decision [here](#) and read the opinion [here](#).

The justices also heard oral arguments this afternoon and appeared sympathetic to the FCC's defense of the mechanism it uses to fund a multi-billion dollar effort to expand phone and broadband internet access to low-income and rural Americans and other beneficiaries. [Read more about the oral arguments.](#)

- [U.S. judge questions his power to reinstate federal workers nationwide](#)
- [Trump takes bid to slash teacher training funds to U.S. Supreme Court](#)
- [U.S. lawmakers push for action on Signal breach, warn of 'mourning dead pilots'](#)
- [ABA, other bar groups urge attorneys to 'stand for the rule of law'](#)
- [Biden administration wrongly nixed oil, gas leases in Alaska refuge, U.S. judge rules](#)
- [Anthropic wins early round in music publishers' AI copyright case](#)
- [Wisconsin court race tests Trump's approval as Musk pours millions into campaign](#)
- [U.S. authorities detain Turkish student at Tufts, revoke visa](#)
- [Coca Cola bottlers raided by EU antitrust regulators, source says](#)
- [Brazil Supreme Court to put Bolsonaro on trial for alleged coup attempt](#)
- [Exclusive: Italy pursues payment from Meta, X and LinkedIn in landmark tax case](#)

[Democratic state attorneys general denounce Trump actions targeting law firms, judges](#)

In what they labeled an "open letter to the legal community, more than 20 Democratic state attorneys general denounced what they called the "chilling effect" of President Trump's executive orders targeting law firms and calls for impeaching federal judges, characterizing ongoing attacks as "retribution" against political opponents.

They pointed to law firm Paul Weiss's decision to negotiate an agreement with Trump, a Republican, in exchange for the president rescinding an executive order targeting the firm and cited a rare statement last week from U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who rebuked Trump for urging the impeachment of a federal judge. [Read more about the letter.](#)

Career Tracker...

In New York ...

Nelson Mullins [added](#) Martin Gitlin as a partner to its energy, infrastructure and project finance team from Clean Energy Counsel ... Morrison & Foerster [hired](#) Scott Behar as a partner in the firm's M&A group from Fenwick ... Andrew Jacobs [joined](#) Winston & Strawn's transactions department as a partner from Cahill ... Real estate partner Daniel Valenti left Goulston & Storrs to [join](#) Troutman Pepper Locke ... Tarter Krinsky & Drogin [added](#) Richard DiStefano as a partner to its corporate, securities and M&A practice from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

In Washington, D.C. ...

Mike Walsh left A&O Shearman to [join](#) DLA Piper's national security and global trade practice. He was previously chief of staff and acting general counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce during the first Trump administration ... Erin Prest, former FBI privacy and civil liberties counsel, [joined](#) McCarter & English as a partner in the firm's cybersecurity and data practice ... Foley & Lardner [added](#) two partners to its nationwide state attorneys general practice: Siran Faulders was previously with Troutman Pepper Locke and Stephen Cobb joins from Cozen O'Connor ... Kirkland & Ellis [hired](#) John Decker as a partner in its energy regulatory practice from Vinson & Elkins ... Molly James [moved to](#) ArentFox Schiff as a partner in the firm's private clients, trusts and estates practice from Troutman Pepper Locke Sheppard Mullin [added](#) Todd Rosenberg as a partner to its healthcare team from Crowell & Moring ... Asset management litigation partner Adam Aderton left Willkie to [join](#) Simpson Thacher ... Former senior special counsel for the SEC division of corporation finance, Brandon Figg, [joined](#) Morgan Lewis's structured transactions practice as a partner.

In Silicon Valley ...

O'Melveny [added](#) Craig Menden as a partner to its M&A and emerging technologies practice from Willkie.

In Chicago ...

Justin Beyer [joined](#) Saul Ewing's litigation practice from Seyfarth Shaw ...
Honigman [added](#) insurance recovery partner Noel Paul from Reed Smith.

In Hong Kong...

Pillsbury [added](#) partner Samuel Ng to its corporate practice from DeHeng Law Offices.

In other news...

Pentagon's Pete Hegseth [texted start time of planned killing](#) of a Yemeni militant. Here is [live coverage of the fallout](#) ... DOGE staffer "Big Balls" [provided tech support to a cybercrime ring](#), records show ... Trump administration to [end funding for childhood vaccines](#) in poorest countries, document shows ... Ukraine and Russia's truce agreements [run into trouble within hours](#) ... Hundreds [stage Gaza protest against Hamas](#) after conflict resumes ... Wall Street [job cuts loom](#) as market turmoil stalls deals ... "Sock ball," once a poor man's game in Egypt, [now a football celebration](#) ... Weird Mongolian dinosaur wielded ["big, sharp and nasty" claws](#) ... And our [top photos of the day](#).