

# [***Donald Trump Calls Fani Willis a 'Humiliating Embarrassment'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BBM-N6N1-JBR6-91WR-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The former president branded the Georgia election case a "major league scandal" and said it should be immediately terminated.

**Body**

Donald Trump has hit out at Fani Willis, calling the Fulton Country District Attorney a "humiliating embarrassment."

Writing on his social media platform Truth Social, the former president attacked his prosecutor and called for the Georgia election case Willis is involved in to be "immediately terminated and permanently erased from everyone's memory" because of her ethics hearing.

*Newsweek* reached out to Willis via LinkedIn for comment.

**The Context**

Willis is running the case against Trump and 18 others who are accused in a 41-count indictment of trying to overturn his 2020 election loss in Georgia. The former president has pleaded not guilty to all 13 charges against him and said the case is politically motivated.

Following accusations made by former Trump staffer and co-defendant Michael Roman that she hired a special prosecutor she was having an affair with, Nathan Wade, Judge Scott McAfee, who is overseeing Trump's trial, scheduled a hearing about the matter. The first day of the hearing took place on Thursday.

Roman said [*Willis*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/fani-willis?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and Wade had benefited financially from taxpayers' money. The pair later admitted they had a romantic relationship, but [*denied a conflict of interest*](https://www.newsweek.com/fani-willis-hearing-risks-blackmail-situation-attorney-1867199?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). In response, Roman issued new claims saying the pair's relationship started earlier than they had disclosed.

While facing questions from Roman's attorney, Ashleigh Merchant, on Thursday, Willis repeatedly told the defense that [*the lawyer was lying about the details*](https://www.newsweek.com/fani-willis-says-lawyer-lying-during-disqualification-hearing-1870420?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) of her relationship with Wade.

"You're confused. You think I'm on trial. These people are on trial for trying to steal an election in 2020," she said.

**What We Know**

Trump has consistently attacked Willis. In his latest post he wrote: "They're talking about the Georgia "Fani Scandal" all over the World. In fact, by far, it is trending #1."

"I can't believe the Georgia State Judiciary, or the Governor, can be happy about this humiliating embarrassment. It was a FAKE CASE from the start, and now everybody sees it for what it is, a MAJOR LEAGUE SCANDAL!

"The legal pundits, experts, and scholars are all screaming that this Witch Hunt, which has hurt so many fine people and patriots, should be immediately terminated and permanently erased from everyone's memory. The stench of what has happened should shame Georgia no longer. It should get back to GREATNESS, and FAST!!!"

**Views**

Speaking to *Newsweek* on Thursday, Scott Lucas, a professor in international ***politics*** at University College Dublin, said that through this hearing, Trump was trying to get the court to throw out his Georgia case or play out the clock so he can win the 2024 presidential election and then throw the case out himself.

"The Trump tactic is to throw mud at the wall and see what sticks," he said.

Lucas said that Trump may try to use the case to claim he is being victimized, adding: "He will feed red meat to his supporters saying 'this is a horrible Black woman who has a vendetta against me.'"

**What's Next?**

The two-day hearing will determine whether Willis be [*removed from the case.*](https://www.newsweek.com/fani-willis-disqualification-hearing-total-mess-donald-trump-election-interference-1870330?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)

If McAfee removes Willis and her office from the case, it will be passed to another Georgia prosecutor, who can determine to continue the investigation or cease it.

Willis is due to resume her testimony on Friday at 9:00 a.m. local time.

*Update 02/16/24, 3:45 a.m. ET: This story was updated with additional information.*

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Fani Willis

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Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis testifies at the Fulton County Courthouse on February 15, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia. Trump took to Truth Social to brand Willis a "humiliating embarrassment."

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