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Trump names Will Scharf '08 as White House staff secretary



Scharf, whom Trump has called one of his “**very talented lawyers in private life,**” started working on Trump’s legal team in October 2023.

He advised and defended the former president in a number of criminal trials this year, including a **successful appeal** resulting in a **landmark** Supreme Court decision that entitles Trump, as a former U.S. president, to presumptive immunity from criminal prosecution for “official acts” during his time in office.



Some of Scharf's Princeton involvements include:

- Graduated magna cum laude in 2008 with an A.B. in history
- President of Charter Club and the Interclub Council
- Secretary for the College Republicans
- Ran a column in The Princeton Tory, Princeton's conservative magazine
- Involved in the Center for Jewish life and Chabad



In 2005, Scharf ran an “unconventional” campaign for president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), the ‘Prince’ reported.

He was the only second-year in the race and the only candidate without prior USG experience. His campaign activities included “a 12-hour speaking marathon” in which he challenged administrative policies ranging from grade deflation to the fire code” in the middle of winter.



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Caption: President-elect Donald Trump named Will Scharf '08 as White House staff secretary. Scharf, who has served as a personal attorney to Trump, will oversee the clearance and circulation of presidential documents in the new role, including proposed executive orders, speeches, and intelligence reports.

Trump said in a written statement that Scharf has “played a key role in defeating the Election Interference and Lawfare waged against me,” adding that “Will is going to make us proud as we Make America Great Again.”

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