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**LDAD Responds to Sanctions Against Lawyers Involved in
Baseless Election Fraud Lawsuits**

BOSTON, MA – [Lawyers Defending American Democracy](#) applauds sanctions imposed this week by Michigan Federal District Court Judge Linda V. Parker on Sydney Powell, L. Lin Wood, and seven other lawyers for their roles in filing a meritless November 25, 2020 lawsuit asking for a declaration that Donald Trump had won the Michigan presidential election.

“Judge Parker’s decision leaves no doubt about the baseless nature of the claims in the complaints and the consequences for lawyers who similarly assert falsehoods before the court. These decisions are enormously helpful in holding lawyers to account,” states **James McHugh, a member of the LDAD Steering Committee and retired Massachusetts Appeals Court judge.**

Today’s statement reads in part: “Members of the legal profession may differ vigorously on desired outcomes, but we must all strive to ensure the integrity of the process by which outcomes are determined. We must shun members of our great profession and others who seek to pollute that process with the kinds of manufactured falsehoods these lawyers invented and repeated.”

The statement also commended the decision earlier this month by United States Magistrate Judge N. Reid Neureiter of Colorado to impose sanctions against lawyers who filed a false claim that machines manufactured by Dominion Voting Systems had deleted nearly 3 million votes.

“These decisions, along with the Appellate Division of New York’s suspension of Rudolph Giuliani’s law license, pending the final disposition of an ethics complaint against him, for filing meritless lawsuits in the aftermath of the 2020 election demonstrate that the judicial branch will not allow the courts to be used for baseless political purposes,” states **LDAD co-founder and former Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.**

Lawyers Defending American Democracy (LDAD) was founded in 2019 to galvanize lawyers to defend the rule of law and to hold unscrupulous lawyers to account. Over the past eight months, it has filed multiple ethics complaints seeking disciplinary action against lawyers working on behalf, or in support of, former President Trump, including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Attorney General William Barr, and Texas Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton Jr. These actions have helped encourage disciplinary action, garnered support from over 12,000 lawyers nationwide, and earned the organization national media coverage.

Please follow [this link](#) to read the complete statement from Lawyers Defending Democracy. To speak with someone at the organization, [REDACTED] or by pho [REDACTED]

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About Lawyers Defending America Democracy

Founded in 2019, Lawyers Defending American Democracy (LDAD) is a 501(c)(4) organization seeking to galvanize lawyers to defend the rule of law in the face of unprecedented threats to American democracy. Its open letters and statements have been signed by over 14,000 supporters nationwide. LDAD's efforts to seek attorney disciplinary action against former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Attorney General William Barr for legal ethics violations have been covered by national media, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, Newsweek, and USA Today. Letters, ethics complaints, statements, and briefs are available at ldad.org.