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## **Lawyers Defending American Democracy files Supplemental Ethics Complaints in New York and California after Attorney Kenneth Chesebro pleads Guilty**

**NEW YORK, NY** - The group behind two comprehensive ethics complaints against Attorney Kenneth John Chesebro in [New York](#) and [California](#) — [Lawyers Defending American Democracy](#) (LDAD) — has [again](#) filed supplemental complaints against the attorney to former President Donald J. Trump, following Mr. Chesebro's guilty plea in Fulton County Superior Court on October 20, 2023.

[As LDAD described](#) to the state bar disciplinary authorities in both states, the conduct that Mr. Chesebro has now admitted – conspiracy to file a false election certificate – requires his disbarment under the law of both states, notwithstanding [assertions by his defense counsel](#) that he will be able to retain his law license. The reasons that disbarment is appropriate differ in each state, and LDAD has provided a detailed analysis of the law in New York and California that supports disbarment.

As has been widely reported, Mr. Chesebro's indictment included six counts that alleged violations of four statutes, but he was allowed to plead guilty to a single count of conspiracy to knowingly file a false document in a public record. This, LDAD argues, does not diminish the gravity of his actions, rather, it demonstrates the extent of his engagement and is why he should not be allowed to practice law again.

As LDAD explained in its submission to the NY Grievance Committee (and in similar terms to the CA bar disciplinary authority): “[T]he false submissions that Mr. Chesebro conspired to have filed involved a matter of vastly greater importance: the election of the President of the United States. His conduct literally affected every person in the United States. It is hard to imagine a more momentous falsification, or one more deserving of disbarment.”

Today's action comes one year after LDAD — alongside leading [legal luminaries](#), law professors and other national experts in legal ethics and constitutional law — submitted the initial [ethics complaints in New York](#) and [California](#) against Mr. Chesebro for serving as the mastermind behind key aspects of the fake elector scheme to overturn the results of the 2020 election during the count of electoral votes in Congress on January 6, 2021.

Recently, LDAD wrote to both the New York and California bar disciplinary authorities to explain the ways in which Mr. Chesebro's ethical violations were further revealed in the indictment of former president Donald Trump filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. on August 1, and the indictment of Mr. Chesebro, along with the former president and seventeen other individuals, filed in Fulton County, Georgia on August 14.

**To read the full filings, please visit:**

<https://ldad.org/letters-briefs/ldad-responds-to-chesebros-guilty-plea>

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