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# LAWYERS DEFENDING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

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7,200 Signers join LDAD's Ethics Complaint Against Rudy Giuliani

WASHINGTON DC - Rudy Giuliani's "Big Lie" that the presidential election was stolen, his abuse of the courts, and his call to insurrection at the U.S. Capitol led Lawyers Defending American Democracy to file an [ethics complaint](#) eleven days ago asking the Grievance Committee of the New York courts to suspend the ex-New York mayor's law license while investigating his conduct.

LDAD is reporting to the New York Bar Grievance Committee today that more than 3,100 lawyers licensed in 48 of the 50 states have signed the 18-page complaint on LDAD's website since its filing. Over 4,000 non-lawyers from across the country also signed the complaint. Laurence Tribe of Harvard Law School and former U.S. Attorney General Stuart M. Gerson joined dozens of retired federal and state judges, two former Associate Deputy Attorneys General, seven past presidents of the American Bar Association, nearly 100 former federal prosecutors, and over 100 current and retired law professors from nearly every prominent law school in the country in signing the complaint.

Richard Painter, chief White House ethics lawyer under George W. Bush, tweeted a link to the ethics complaint just hours after it became public, saying: "Rudy Giuliani definitely should not be practicing law."

Giuliani continues to double down on his lies, even after the filing of the ethics complaint and a defamation suit by Dominion Voting Systems, which seeks \$1.3 billion for damages caused by Mr. Giuliani's "viral disinformation campaign."

On Friday, while being interviewed by Steve Bannon, Mr. Giuliani claimed that the Lincoln Project, the political action committee founded by conservative Republicans opposed to Trump's re-election, secretly plotted the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

"Rudy Giuliani continues to leap at any opportunity to lie and tear down the fabric of democracy," says Scott Harshbarger, Chairman of LDAD. "The Grievance Committee has the authority to hold him accountable, and the thousands who have signed our ethics complaint support immediate action."

## **About Lawyers Defending American Democracy**

Founded in 2019, [Lawyers Defending American Democracy](#) (LDAD) is a 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to fostering adherence to the rule of law. LDAD has issued a variety of Open Letters and statements calling for adherence by public officials to the rule of law and encouraging fellow

lawyers, the leaders of bar associations, and the legal academy to join in speaking out against threats to the rule of law.

In July, LDAD co-authored the ethics complaint against Attorney General William Barr filed with the DC Bar and endorsed by four former DC Bar presidents. **Gary Ratner**, LDAD's co-founder, was the lead signer.

All letters, statements and briefs are available at: <https://ldad.org/letters-briefs>

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