



First 100 Days: Donald Trump Golfs More Than Most Retirees

Since Donald Trump became president, he's spent seven weekends on vacation. That's one in every five minutes of Trump's presidency spent on vacation – totaling \$26.1 million in costs billed to you, the American taxpayers.

What on earth does Donald Trump think he's done to deserve so many vacations on the taxpayers' dime?

Trump has now been president for nearly 100 days. In that time, he's managed to do absolutely nothing beneficial for the American people. If anything, Trump should be working overtime to clean up his messes and stop making the world a more dangerous place rather than jet off to his Palm Beach golf club.



Taxpayers are on the hook for an estimated \$40 million in federal and local costs so far associated with Donald Trump's plentiful vacations. As Trump's eye turns from winters at his for-profit club in Palm Beach, Florida to summers at his for-profit club in Bedminster, New Jersey, it's New Jerseyans who are in for a rude awakening about Trump's utter disregard for taxpayers picking up the tab on his vacations.

Meanwhile, Trump has made sure that he and his family members have numerous outlets to profit from the presidency. He is practically begging for foreign governments and adversaries to funnel money into his businesses.

The Chinese government, for example, has approved valuable trademarks for Donald and Ivanka Trump at critical moments in the U.S. – China relationship. Ivanka was awarded three trademarks on the same day she and her father hosted Chinese President Xi Jinping at Trump's for-profit Mar a Lago.

If the Chinese feel emboldened to offer personal incentives to the Trump clan, **what's stopping Russia or Iran from trying to bribe Donald Trump into pursuing their interests at the expense of the American people?**

Buckle up, folks. The economic and national security of the American people is being sold to the highest bidder, with the profits going directly through Trump's Oval Office personal bank account.

We're staring down Donald Trump's first 100 days in office with no end in sight to the corruption, rampant profiteering, or taxpayer-funded vacations.

Background:

Trump Has Spent One In Five Minutes As President At Mar-A-Lago, Costing Taxpayers At Least \$26.1 Million

Trump Has Spent One In Every Five Minutes As President At Mar-A-Lago. “If we tally the time spent in Palm Beach (at Mar-a-Lago and his golf clubs nearby) rounded to the half-hour since he was inaugurated and through noon on Monday, Trump has spent about one out of every five minutes of his presidency at the “winter White House” — 424.5 hours there and 1,663.5 hours everywhere else, including on Air Force One headed to Mar-a-Lago. (That trip takes about an hour-and-a-half, so that’s an additional 21 hours spent flying there and back.)” [Washington Post, [4/17/17](#)]

Trump’s Trip To Mar-A-Lago Cost Taxpayers Up To \$3 Million. According to Politico, “President Donald Trump’s trip to his luxury resort in Mar-a-Lago this weekend could saddle taxpayers with a bill upwards of \$3 million and is already drawing the type of scrutiny Trump and other Republicans regularly heaped upon former President Barack Obama. The Florida trip is Trump’s first getaway as president and is expected to be part business, part pleasure. He will reunite with his wife Melania, who has been living in Trump Tower in Manhattan as their 10-year-old son Barron finishes the school year, and there are rumors he will attend the American Red Cross’s annual fundraising gala, which is being held at Mar-a-Lago on Saturday night. In between the socializing, Trump will have several meetings and phone calls as he maintains his aggressive work schedule. The trip, which is scheduled to last from Friday night to Monday morning, also likely comes with a hefty price tag.” [Politico, [2/3/17](#)]

Through The Second Week Of April 2017, Trump Visited Mar-A-Lago Seven Times. According to The Hill, “President Trump’s Friday trip to his Mar-a-Lago resort marks the 23rd day he’s visited the West Palm Beach club over the first 84 days of his presidency. Trump will spend the full three-day Easter weekend at the resort. No senior staff took the Air Force One flight to Florida, according to a report. Donald Trump Jr. appeared to be in Florida to welcome his father, tweeting a photo of Trump getting off the plane. The weekend trip marks Trump’s seventh visit to Mar-a-Lago since his January inauguration. Trump has hosted several world leaders at the resort, including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping.” [The Hill, [4/14/17](#)]

Trump’s Travel To Mar A Lago Cost An Estimated \$20 Million In His First 80 Days As President Putting Him On Track To Outpace Obama’s Total Spending In Eight Years. According to CNN, “Donald Trump’s travel to his private club in Florida has cost over an estimated \$20 million in his first 80 days as president, putting the president on pace in his first year of office to surpass former President Barack Obama’s spending on travel for his entire eight years. The outsized spending on travel stands in stark relief to Trump’s calls for belt tightening across the federal government and the fact that he regularly criticized Obama for costing the American taxpayer money every time he took a trip.” [CNN, [4/10/17](#)]

Secret Service Spent \$35,815 On Golf Cart Rentals At Mar-A-Lago. According to CBS News, “President Trump’s trips on Air Force One to Mar-a-Lago have cost taxpayers an estimated \$700,000 for each round trip. CBS News has estimated, based on a previous Government Accountability Office report, that each presidential trip to Mar-a-Lago costs about \$3 million. One purchase order reviewed by CBS News shows the US Secret Service has spent \$35,185 on golf cart rentals ‘for POTUS visit’ in Palm Beach County, Florida since the President’s inauguration.” [CBS News, [4/14/17](#)]

Local Security Costs

Trump Visits Expected To Cost Palm Beach City Nearly \$15 Million. According to the Palm Beach Post, “Frankel was joined by West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio, who said cyberattacks and other threats related to Trump’s visits will require \$4.7 million in new annual spending by her city as well as \$4.3 million worth of “specialized equipment to handle a critical incident.” The nearly \$15 million in local costs comes on top of the estimated \$2 million to \$3 million in federal expenditures every weekend Trump visits Mar-a-Lago.” [Palm Beach Post, [3/27/17](#)]

Trump Visits Expected To Cost Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Between \$3.3 Million And \$5.8 Million. According to the Palm Beach Post, “The sheriff’s office has already racked up about \$1.7 million in costs for helping the Secret Service provide security for Trump and the total could range from \$3.3 million to \$5.8 million for the year, Frankel said.” [Palm Beach Post, [3/27/17](#)]

Trump’s Visits To Mar-A-Lago Have Costs The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department \$1.5 Million In Overtime Costs. According to the Associated Press, “Donald Trump’s visits to his South Florida estate since he was elected president have cost the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department \$1.5 million in overtime costs. Sheriff Ric Bradshaw is confident the money his department has spent while assisting the Secret Service will be reimbursed by the federal government. ‘I do hope he is correct,’ said Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia Baker. The county sent letters to federal officials in December seeking reimbursement for the overtime security costs from Trump’s five-day visit to the estate called Mar-a-lago in November, the Palm Beach Post (<http://bit.ly/2kmo6Z1>) reported Tuesday.” [Associated Press, [2/14/17](#)]

Palm Beach Sought Relief For Security Costs Related To Trump Visits. According to The Guardian, “Palm Beach is also seeking relief for security costs to protect Trump, including policing of demonstrations. About 3,000 people took part in a peaceful protest at Mar-a-Lago last weekend and another is planned for Sunday. The Palm Beach sheriff’s office did not respond to the Guardian’s request for cost details of last weekend’s visit, or Trump’s extended Christmas and New Year break at Mar-a-Lago, but its overtime bill alone topped \$250,000 for the then president-elect’s short Thanksgiving sojourn.” [Guardian, [2/11/17](#)]

Palm Beach County Aviation Officials Released A Dossier That Found Donald Trump’s Weekend Trip To His Properties Caused More Than \$250,000 In Lost Revenue At Aviation-Related Businesses. According to The Guardian, “Palm Beach County’s airports, flight schools and other aviation-related businesses are already counting the cost. Trump’s four-day visit last weekend caused more than \$250,000 in lost revenue from fuel sales and landing fees, according to a dossier released this week by county aviation officials, mostly at Palm Beach international airport, where Air Force One lands and departs.” [Guardian, [2/11/17](#)]

Palm Beach Aircraft Services Estimated That Losses Related To Trump Visits Could Reach \$2 Million Per Year. According to The Guardian, “At Lantana general aviation airport, inside the 30-mile flight restriction zone around Mar-a-Lago imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration, all operations cease during presidential visits. Jonathan Miller, chief executive of airport operator Stellar Aviation, said the repeated groundings, including training and sightseeing flights, are forcing several Lantana tenants to consider their futures. Palm Beach Aircraft Services estimates losses could reach \$2m a year and several private plane owners have already switched to other airports, Miller said.” [Guardian, [2/11/17](#)]

Palm Beach County Taxpayers Foot The Bill For \$60,000 A Day In Overtime For Police Payments. According to the Washington Post, “The bills have racked up outside the club, too. Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said Trump’s 25 days in the county since the election have cost local taxpayers about \$60,000 a day in overtime police payments.” [Washington Post, [2/16/17](#)]

Government Reimbursed Trump Businesses For Security Costs

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Secret Service Spent \$64,000 For Elevator Services At Trump Tower. According to CBS News, “Another purchase order showed a charge of \$64,000 for ‘Elevator services- Trump Tower’ in December 2016. A Secret Service official told CBS News that ‘elevator inspection is one of many protective operational measures utilized by the Secret Service.’” [CBS News, [4/14/17](#)]

Trump Spends 1 Out Of Every 2.8 Days At A Trump-Branded Property

Trump Spent Nearly 1 Out Of 3 Days At A Trump Property. According to the Washington Post, “For the eighth weekend in a row, President Trump has visited a property that bears his name. He has done so on 21 of the 66 days he has been in office, meaning that for the equivalent of three full weeks of his just-over-nine weeks as commander in chief, he has spent all or part of a day at a Trump property — earning that property mentions in the media and the ability to tell potential clients that they might be able to interact with the president. And, despite his insistence on the campaign trail that he would avoid the links — ‘I’m going to be working for you. I’m not going to have time to go play golf,’ he said in August — he has made 13 visits to his own golf courses since becoming president, likely playing golf on at least 12 of those occasions. Below, a breakdown of Trump’s visits to his properties. They include: • Trump International Hotel in Washington. • Trump National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Va. • Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla. • Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Fla.” [Washington Post, [3/26/17](#)]

Trump Visited A Trump Property Eight Weekends In A Row. According to the New York Times, “For Mr. Trump, it was just another weekend with a presidential-size spotlight on his family’s business outlets, a pattern that started during his transition when he drew international attention to the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., by interviewing potential cabinet picks there. Saturday’s stops marked the eighth weekend in a row — out of the 10 weekends he has been in office — that Mr. Trump has visited a Trump-branded property, including his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach. White House officials have said Mr. Trump goes to his clubs and restaurants because he is comfortable there, but critics increasingly argue that the visits are priceless advertising and that Mr. Trump and his family are using the presidency as a way to enrich themselves.” [New York Times, [3/26/17](#)]

Trump Made Three Visits To The Trump National Golf Club, A String Of Trips That Started After Eric Trump Came To Washington To Promote The 2017 Senior P.G.A. Championship Tournament.

According to the New York Times, “Mr. Trump has now made three visits to the Trump National Golf Club, a string of trips that started after Eric Trump came to Washington this month to promote the 2017 Senior P.G.A. Championship tournament. It is being held at the Virginia golf course on Memorial Day weekend.” [New York Times, [3/26/17](#)]

Melania Trump Staying In New York Will Cost \$183 Million A Year

New York City Paid \$500,000 A Day To Guard Trump Tower, An Amount That Could Reach \$183 Million A Year. According to the Washington Post, “In New York, the city is paying \$500,000 a day to guard Trump Tower, according to police officials’ estimates, an amount that could reach \$183 million a year.” [Washington Post, [2/16/17](#)]

Costs For Protecting Melania Trump In New York Cost Between \$127,000 And \$145,000 Per Day.

According to Reuters, “On days when first lady Melania Trump and the couple’s son, Barron, are the only ones in the city, security going forward will cost between \$127,000 and \$145,000 per day, less than when the president is in residence, O’Neill said. When Trump is in town, the cost of police protection will go back up to \$308,000 on average per day, O’Neill said. It will cost about another \$4.5 million per year for the New York City Fire Department to protect the building, he said.” [Reuters, [2/22/17](#)]

Trump Continues To Keep Control Over His Businesses, Can Draw Income Without Disclosing It

Trump Is Able To Draw Money From His Businesses At Any Time Without Disclosing It. According to ProPublica, “When President Donald Trump placed his businesses in a trust upon entering the White House, he put his sons in charge and claimed to distance himself from his sprawling empire. ‘I hope at the end of eight years I’ll come back and say, ‘Oh you did a good job,’” Trump said at a Jan. 11 press conference. Trump’s lawyer explained that the president ‘was completely isolating himself from his business interests.’ The setup has long been slammed as insufficient, far short of the full divestment that many ethics experts say is needed to avoid conflicts of interest. A small phrase buried deep in a set of recently released letters between the Trump Organization and the government shows just how little separation there actually is. Trump can draw money from his more than 400 businesses, at any time, without disclosing it.” [ProPublica, [4/3/17](#)]

- **Changes To The Trust Document, Signed On Feb. 10, Stipulated That It “Shall Distribute Net Income Or Principal To Donald J. Trump At His Request’ Or Whenever His Son And Longtime Attorney ‘Deem Appropriate.’”** According to ProPublica, “The previously unreported changes to a trust document, signed on Feb. 10, stipulates that it ‘shall distribute net income or principal to Donald J. Trump at his request’ or whenever his son and longtime attorney ‘deem appropriate.’ That can include everything from profits to the underlying assets, such as the businesses themselves.” [ProPublica, [4/3/17](#)]

Trump Refused To Sell His Holdings And Placed His Business Empire In A Trust Controlled By His Two Sons.

According to the New York Times, “President-elect Donald J. Trump said Wednesday that he would place his vast business empire in a trust controlled by his two oldest sons and take other steps in an attempt to remove any suggestion of a conflict of interest with his decisions as president. But he said he would not sell his holdings. Hours later, the government’s top ethics monitor said the plan was wholly inadequate and would leave the president vulnerable to ‘suspicions of corruption.’ The unusual public criticism from Walter M. Shaub Jr., director of the Office of Government Ethics, followed Mr. Trump’s most detailed explanation yet of his plans to distance himself from the global business operations of the Trump Organization. No modern president has entered the White House with such a complicated array of holdings. The steps Mr. Trump outlined include turning over to the United States Treasury any profits received at his hotels from foreign government clients. An ethics officer and, separately, a chief compliance counsel will be appointed at the Trump Organization to watch

its operations and ensure that it is not receiving special terms, payment or favors as a result of its ties to Mr. Trump, even as the organization is managed by a trust controlled by his two oldest sons and a longtime legal associate.” [New York Times, [1/11/17](#)]

Trump Plans To Return To His Business After Serving As President. According to Politico, “Donald Trump will not accept briefings on his business while serving as president, and he’s open to limits on his ability to talk business with his two adult sons slated to run the company, according to a Trump spokeswoman. But as details emerge on Trump’s plan to separate his private interests from the public, key questions remain unanswered: Trump also wants a way to return to his business when his White House days are over, and he doesn’t want anyone outside the family owning the rights to the Trump name while he’s away, Trump’s friends, business associates and transition staff tell POLITICO.” [Politico, [12/16/16](#)]

Trump Had The Ability To Revoke The Authority Of Trustees Over His Business Empire. According to the New York Times, “Now, records have emerged that show just how closely tied Mr. Trump remains to the empire he built. While the president says he has walked away from the day-to-day operations of his business, two people close to him are the named trustees and have broad legal authority over his assets: his eldest son, Donald Jr., and Allen H. Weisselberg, the Trump Organization’s chief financial officer. Mr. Trump, who will receive reports on any profit, or loss, on his company as a whole, can revoke their authority at any time.” [New York Times, [2/3/17](#)]

- **Purpose Of The Donald J. Trump Revocable Trust Was To Hold Assets For The “Exclusive Benefit” Of The President; Trust Remained Under Trump’s Social Security Number, At Least As Far As Federal Taxes Are Concerned.** According to the New York Times, “What’s more, the purpose of the Donald J. Trump Revocable Trust is to hold assets for the ‘exclusive benefit’ of the president. This trust remains under Mr. Trump’s Social Security number, at least as far as federal taxes are concerned.” [New York Times, [2/3/17](#)]

Eric Trump Said That He Will Continue To Update His Father On The Business While He Is In The Presidency; Said “Yeah, On The Bottom Line, Profitability Reports And Stuff Like.” According to Forbes, “But less than two minutes later, he concedes that he will continue to update his father on the business while he is in the presidency. ‘Yeah, on the bottom line, profitability reports and stuff like that, but you know, that’s about it.’ How often will those reports be, every quarter? ‘Depending, yeah, depending.’ Could be more, could be less? ‘Yeah, probably quarterly.’ One thing is clear: ‘My father and I are very close,’ Eric Trump says. ‘I talk to him a lot. We’re pretty inseparable.’” [Forbes, [3/24/17](#)]

Ivanka Trump And Jared Kushner Remain Beneficiaries Of Their Businesses Despite Working In The Administration

Ivanka Trump And Jared Kushner Remained The Beneficiaries Of The Sprawling Real Estate Empire And Investment Business Worth As Much As \$741 Million. According to the New York Times, “Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, President Trump’s daughter and son-in-law, will remain the beneficiaries of a sprawling real estate and investment business still worth as much as \$741 million, despite their new government responsibilities, according to ethics filings released by the White House Friday night.” [New York Times, [3/31/17](#)]

Ivanka Trump Maintained A Stake In The Trump International Hotel In Washington, D.C. According to the New York Times, “Ms. Trump will also maintain a stake in the Trump International Hotel in Washington,

D.C. The hotel, just down the street from the White House, has drawn protests from ethics experts who worry that foreign governments or special interests could stay there in order to curry favor with the administration. It is unclear how Ms. Trump would earn income from that stake. Mr. Kushner's financial disclosures said that Ms. Trump earned between \$1 million and \$5 million from the hotel between January 2016 and March 2017, and put the value of her stake at between \$5 million and \$25 million." [New York Times, [3/31/17](#)]

Trump's Business Is Entangled With Foreign Governments

Constitution's Emoluments Clause Barred Presidents From Taking Money From Foreign Groups.

According to NPR, "A team of ethics experts and legal scholars filed a lawsuit in federal court Monday morning that says President Trump's overseas businesses violate the Constitution's Emoluments Clause, which bars presidents from taking money from foreign governments. The group says it is asking the court 'to stop Trump from violating the Constitution by illegally receiving payments from foreign governments' with ties to Trump interests. The lawsuit states that: 'These violations of the Foreign Emoluments Clause pose a grave threat to the United States and its citizens. As the Framers were aware, private financial interests can subtly sway even the most virtuous leaders, and entanglements between American officials and foreign powers could pose a creeping, insidious threat to the Republic.'" [NPR, [1/23/17](#)]

Emoluments Clause Prohibited The "Acceptance" Of Gifts Or Emoluments From Foreign

Governments. According to the Huffington Post, "The emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution prohibits anyone 'holding any Office' from accepting 'any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind' from 'a foreign state.' It also prohibits the 'acceptance' of gifts or emoluments from foreign governments. Many ethics experts believe that to truly comply with those restrictions, Trump would have to sell his stake in all of his companies and put the proceeds from the sale in a blind trust for the duration of his presidency. In that way, no one, especially not a foreign government, could make him richer by buying things from his companies." [Huffington Post, [1/11/17](#)]

Trump Had Several Business Ties Entangled With Foreign Governments

Industrial And Commercial Bank Of China, Owned By The Chinese Government, Was A Tenant At Trump Tower Whose Lease Was Due To Expire During Trump's Term; Chinese Government Would Be In Negotiations With Trump Organization To Renew The Lease.

According to NPR, "For example, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which is owned by the Chinese government, is a tenant at Trump Tower in New York, and its lease is due to expire during Trump's term, the suit says. This could mean that the Chinese government will be in negotiations with the Trump Organization to renew the lease." [NPR, [1/23/17](#)]

Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority, Owned By The UAE Government, Was A Tenant In Trump

Tower. According to NPR, "Another tenant is the Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority, which is owned by the government of the United Arab Emirates, the lawsuit notes." [NPR, [1/23/17](#)]

Trump Collected Royalties From The Apprentice And Spinoffs, Many Of Which Air On Broadcast Networks Owned Or Controlled By Foreign Governments.

According to NPR, "The suit also says that Trump collects royalties from his TV show The Apprentice and its various spinoffs, many of which air on broadcast networks owned or controlled by foreign governments." [NPR, [1/23/17](#)]

Trump Had Properties In Indonesia, Turkey, The Philippines, And Scotland That Required Various Government Permits And Exemptions. According to NPR, “It also cites numerous examples of Trump properties in Indonesia, Turkey, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Scotland that require various government permits and exemptions.” [NPR, [1/23/17](#)]

Trump’s Sons Opened Trump Golf Course In Dubai

Trump’s Son Opened A Golf Club In Dubai. According to USA Today, “Two of President Trump’s sons ceremonially opened a Trump-branded golf club in Dubai on Saturday, meeting privately with Emirati elites as questions remain about how separated their father is from the empire bearing his name. Eric and Donald Trump Jr., who now lead the Trump Organization, watched as fireworks lit the sky over the Trump International Golf Club in Dubai, on the outskirts of the city-state home to the world’s tallest building and other architectural marvels. The course’s opening comes after Donald Trump tried for years to enter the Arab market as a real estate mogul who later earned millions licensing his name to projects. The course’s opening now, as well as long-standing plans to open a second Trump-branded course in Dubai, could raise security and ethical issues for America’s 45th president going forward. Though bars at the club eventually will serve alcohol, only soft drinks were dispensed at the windy gala Saturday night.” [USA Today, [2/18/17](#)]

Sajwani Said That “Working With The Trump Family, And Trump Organization Was Totally A Pleasure,” And He Described The Family As “A Great” Combination Of “Class, Achievement And Honesty.” According to the Washington Post, “On Saturday, it was Sajwani’s turn to return the compliments. Standing at a lectern, with Eric and Don Jr seated in front, Sajwani said that ‘working with the Trump family, and Trump Organization was totally a pleasure,’ and he described the family as ‘a great’ combination of ‘class, achievement and honesty.’ Minutes later, Eric Trump stepped up to the lectern and praised Sajwani. ‘We have a partner who is also a great friend with a truly amazing family,’ said Eric Trump. ‘I love being with them.’ Legal and ethics experts have raised concerns over Trump’s chumminess with Sajwani, saying it suggests the president has little interest in separating himself from his company’s business interests. Sajwani, whose company had a U.S. government contract to provide meals during the first Persian Gulf War in 1991, has considered investing in real estate projects in the United States. The close friendship between Sajwani and President Trump is one reason Saturday’s opening attracted a large gathering of people in the business community.” [Washington Post, [2/18/17](#)]

Trump’s Sons Opened Hotel In Vancouver

Trump Sons Opened The Trump International Hotel And Tower In Vancouver. According to CNN, “At a ribbon-cutting for the Trump International Hotel and Tower in Vancouver, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump spoke about the success of the glittering hotel and condominium project bearing their family name. ‘People saw that excitement that we feel, that Eric and I deal with at a lot of other properties,’ Donald Jr. said on Tuesday. ‘To be able to do something special. To be able to change a skyline.’ Protesters, meanwhile, used the media attention around the opening to voice opposition to President Trump’s policies. Demonstrators chanted, ‘Love trumps hate!’ and placed sticky notes with anti-Trump messages -- such as ‘nevertheless, she persisted’ -- on a wall outside the building.” [CNN, [3/1/17](#)]

Mahmood Al Aradi, A Senior Executive At The National Bank Of Abu Dhabi, Bought A Condo At Trump Tower Vancouver. According to CNN, “CNRMoney reviewed a list of 214 people who bought condos in the tower. It was compiled by a title search company. One of the buyers is Mahmood al Aradi, a senior

executive at the National Bank of Abu Dhabi. Representatives for Al Aradi say he made his first payment in 2014 and purchased the condo with his personal funds.” [CNN, [3/1/17](#)]

Trump Was Granted Trademark Protection In Mexico

Mexico Granted Trademark Protections For The Trump Brand. According to the Associated Press, “On Feb. 19, 2016, at a campaign rally in North Charleston, South Carolina, then-candidate Donald Trump gave a stump speech in which he railed against American jobs moving to Mexico: ‘We lose our jobs, we close our factories, Mexico gets all of the work,’ he said. ‘We get nothing.’ That same day a law firm in Mexico City quietly filed on behalf of his company for trademarks on his name that would authorize the Trump brand, should it choose, to set up shop in a country with which he has sparred over trade, migration and the planned border wall. The Trump trademarks have now been granted by the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or IMPI for its initials in Spanish. Records show the last three were approved Feb. 21, just over a month after Trump took office, and a fourth was granted last Oct. 6, about a month before the U.S. election.” [Associated Press, [3/12/17](#)]

Mexican Trademarks Covered A Broad Range Of Business Operations That Can Roughly Be Broken Down Into Construction; Construction Materials; Hotels, Hospitality And Tourism; And Real Estate, Financial Services And Insurance. According to the Associated Press, “The Mexican trademarks cover a broad range of business operations that can roughly be broken down into construction; construction materials; hotels, hospitality and tourism; and real estate, financial services and insurance. They are all valid through 2026. The same four trademarks were previously held in the name of Donald J. Trump and expired in 2015, a year before the new applications. The new approvals list the trademark owner as the company DTTM Operations LLC, with an address in the Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in New York.” [Associated Press, [3/12/17](#)]

Trump Said He Would Donate His Profits From Foreign Governments To The Treasury But That Still Benefits His Bottom Line

Trump Said He Would “Donate All Profits From Foreign Government Payments Made To His Hotels To The United States Treasury.” According to the Huffington Post, “All previous presidents in the modern era have sold their business interests before they assumed the office. But Trump thinks he has developed a workaround: He will ‘donate all profits from foreign government payments made to his hotels to the United States Treasury,’ his outside lawyer Sheri Dillon announced at a press conference Wednesday.” [Huffington Post, [1/11/17](#)]

There Was No Way To Verify If Trump Would Actually Donate His Profits To The Treasury. According to the Associated Press, “Like other aspects of the self-imposed arrangement, that’s largely a matter of faith. And Trump hasn’t followed through on previous charity pledges, including a failure to give a promised \$6 million to veterans’ organizations last year until months later when reporters asked questions about what had happened to the money. Trump did not commit to disclosing what money was being turned over to the government, and the Treasury Department doesn’t typically report the details of donations, citing the privacy of its donors.” [Associated Press, [1/12/17](#)]

Even If Trump Did Not Keep The Profits From Foreign Governments Booking Rooms At His Hotels, The Hotels Kept The Largest Share Of Every Dollar Paid To Them. According to Huffington Post, “The plan that Dillon, a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, laid out falls far short of what multiple legal experts say is necessary to comply with the Constitution. Even if Trump doesn’t keep the profits from foreign governments booking rooms at his hotels, those hotels will keep the largest share of every dollar, ruble or yen paid to them, to cover costs, taxes, fees, catering and any other overhead they deem necessary. In 2013, the average profit margin of a luxury hotel was between 6 and 15 percent, according to industry analysts. So under Trump’s plan, his hotels will hold onto more than 85 cents of every dollar they collect from foreign governments that book overnight stays, events and meetings at Trump hotels.” [Huffington Post, [1/11/17](#)]

Whatever Trump Donated To The U.S. Treasury Would Be A Tax-Deductible Contributions, Benefiting Trump’s Bottom Line. According to the Huffington Post, “Of the remaining percentage, whatever Trump donates to the U.S. Treasury will be a tax-deductible contribution, just one more benefit to Trump’s bottom line. Over the longer term, as more foreign governments choose to patronize Trump’s hotels over others, his hotels become more profitable, and the value of his business increases — benefiting Trump and his family.” [Huffington Post, [1/11/17](#)]

Trump Doubled The Initiation Fee For Mar-A-Lago After He Won The Election

Mar-A-Lago Doubled Its Initiation Fee To \$200,000 Following Trump’s Election As President.

According to CNBC, “Mar-a-Lago, the Palm Beach resort owned by the Trump Organization, doubled its initiation fee to \$200,000 following the election of Donald Trump as president. People close to the Florida resort said the increase took effect Jan. 1. The resort had been considering an increase for some time, said those people, who declined to provide their names because they were not authorized to speak on behalf of the company. A spokesperson for the Trump Organization did not respond to CNBC’s request for comment. But the timing is likely to add to criticism that the Trump Organization is trying to benefit from the president’s election.” [CNBC, [1/25/16](#)]

Membership At Mar-A-Lago Included A Chance To Mingle With Trump. According to CNBC, “A membership at Mar-a-Lago now includes a chance to mingle with the 45th president. Trump plans to use the resort as his occasional ‘Winter White House.’ He has visited twice since his election — first for Thanksgiving and then over the Christmas and New Year holidays. There’s no way of knowing whether demand for memberships has grown. The initiation fee for Mar-a-Lago had been \$100,000 since 2012, when it was cut from \$200,000. People close to the resort said the fee was reduced following a decline in memberships after the Bernie Madoff scandal, which claimed many wealthy Palm Beach victims. On top of the initiation fee of \$200,000 plus tax, members also pay \$14,000 a year in annual dues (plus tax).” [CNBC, [1/25/16](#)]

Trump Picked Head Of Federal Agency That Decided In Favor Of Trump’s DC Hotel Lease

Shortly After His Inauguration, Trump Named Tim Horne Administrator Of The General Services Administration; Horner Coordinated The Agency’s Transition With The Trump Team. According to Politico, “President Donald Trump has installed the head of the agency that has to decide whether to evict him from his Washington hotel. Shortly after Trump’s inauguration, an Obama-appointed General Services Administration official named Norman Dong became acting administrator, according to an agency email obtained

by POLITICO. Seven and a half hours later, Trump replaced Dong with Tim Horne a Denver-based GSA official who had coordinated the agency's transition with the Trump team, a second email showed." [Politico, [1/26/17](#)]

General Services Administration Was To Decide Whether Or Not Trump Could Maintain His Lease For His D.C. Hotel. According to Politico, "Democrats are already pressuring Horne to terminate the GSA's lease for Trump's hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue because a line in the contract arguably prohibits it from benefiting an elected official. The GSA hasn't indicated what it will do, but the fact that the agency's chief now owes his position to Trump cements the conflict of interest — effectively making the president both landlord and tenant." [Politico, [1/26/17](#)]

Trump And Kellyanne Conway Publicly Promoted Ivanka's Brand

Trump: "My Daughter Ivanka Has Been Treated So Unfairly By Nordstrom. She Is A Great Person -- Always Pushing Me To Do The Right Thing! Terrible!" According to a tweet from Donald Trump, "My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by @Nordstrom. She is a great person -- always pushing me to do the right thing! Terrible!" [Donald J. Trump Twitter Account, [2/8/17](#)]

Official POTUS Account Retweeted Trump's Tweet Blasting Nordstrom. According to CNN, "President Trump tweeted a jab at Nordstrom department stores from his personal account Wednesday morning, which was then retweeted by the official @POTUS account. @POTUS, the official Twitter account for the president, had so far been reserved for government issues. The Trump tweet blasted Nordstrom for treating his daughter Ivanka 'so unfairly' by discontinuing her fashion line. Nordstrom announced last week that it would no longer carry Ivanka Trump's line of clothing and accessories. Nordstrom said that it decided to part ways with her products 'based on the brand's performance.' The president went on Twitter to defend his daughter — who is also a close White House adviser." [CNN, [2/8/17](#)]

Kellyanne Conway On Ivanka's Brand: "I'm Going To Give A Free Commercial Here. Go Buy It Today, Everybody." According to Politico, "Kellyanne Conway used her platform Thursday to urge Americans to 'go buy Ivanka's stuff,' potentially violating ethics rules of the executive branch. Standing in the White House press briefing room, Conway, a counselor to the president, encouraged Americans to purchase Ivanka Trump's products, one day after President Donald Trump himself lashed out at the department store Nordstrom for dropping his daughter's clothing line. 'It's a wonderful line. I own some of it,' Conway told 'Fox & Friends.' 'I fully — I'm going to give a free commercial here. Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online.'" [Politico, [2/9/17](#)]

Trump's Business Won Long-Stalled Trademark Protection In China After Winning Election

Associated Press: Countries Could Use Trump's Desire To Consolidate Control Over His Brand To Extend — Or Withhold — Favor. According to the Associated Press, "Ethics lawyers from across the political spectrum say the trademarks present conflicts of interest for Trump and may violate the emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution, which bars public servants from accepting anything of value from foreign governments unless explicitly approved by Congress. Countries could use Trump's desire to consolidate control over his brand to extend — or withhold — favor, especially a nation such as China where the courts and bureaucracy are

influenced by the ruling Communist Party and by design reflect the leadership's political imperatives. While China recently has shown greater interest in protecting intellectual property rights in general, simply the possibility that it could use trademarks as leverage has drawn concern." [Associated Press, [2/14/17](#)]

China Granted Preliminary Approval For 38 New Trump Trademarks. According to the Associated Press, "China has granted preliminary approval for 38 new Trump trademarks, paving the way for President Donald Trump and his family to potentially develop a host of branded businesses from hotels to insurance to bodyguard and escort services, public documents show. Trump's lawyers in China applied for the marks in April 2016, as Trump railed against China at campaign rallies, accusing it of currency manipulation and stealing U.S. jobs. Critics maintain that Trump's swelling portfolio of China trademarks raises serious conflict of interest questions. China's Trademark Office published the provisional approvals on Feb. 27 and Monday." [Associated Press, [3/8/17](#)]

On The Same Day Ivanka Trump Met With Chinese President Xi Jinping At Mar-A-Lago, China Granted Her Company Preliminary Approval For Three Trademarks That Confer Monopoly Rights To Sell Ivanka Brand Jewelry, Bags, And Spa Services In China. According to the Associated Press, "As Ivanka Trump builds a new political career as an adviser to her father, the commercial engine of her lifestyle brand is going strong. Sales, by some measures, have reached record highs this year. Trump founded the brand in 2007 and still owns it, but stepped back from management and put its assets in a family-run trust before taking on an official role at the White House. Despite efforts to distance herself from her business to address ethical concerns, Trump remains, for many, the living embodiment of the brand that bears her name. [...] April 6, 2017: Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, sit next to Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife, Peng Liyuan, at a state dinner at Mar-a-Lago. That same day, China grants her company preliminary approval for three trademarks that confer monopoly rights to sell Ivanka brand jewelry, bags and spa services in the world's second-largest economy." [Associated Press, [4/18/17](#)]