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## **Two of President Trump's legal defenders are Brooklyn Law School graduates**

### **A look at the lawyers who have served former President Trump**

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Aspiring lawyers looking to make a name for themselves in the legal field might find their roadmap sketched out by a pair of graduates from Brooklyn Law School.

Former U.S. President Donald Trump is the first former president to face federal criminal charges as his legal team has tackled cases related to classified documents found at Mar-a-Lago and hush money payments to Stormy Daniels, as well as defending Trump in the E. Jean Carroll civil case, election interference in Georgia, and the claims of the 2020 presidential election fraud.

Among the most prominent figures in this saga are BLS graduates Todd Blanche, a former federal prosecutor with a white-collar criminal defense specialty, and Joe Tacopina, a former assistant district attorney in Brooklyn with a broad range of high-profile clients.

## Joe Tacopina and the Hush Money Case

Tacopina, a Brooklyn attorney with a varied clientele including the late Michael Jackson and Alex Rodriguez, is representing Trump in the Stormy Daniels hush money case. Tacopina expressed confidence in Trump's acquittal, stating that he takes on cases like Trump's "if I think someone's been really wronged, and I really fall in love with a person."

Despite his steadfast defense of Trump, Tacopina has publicly disagreed with him, stating that he did not believe New York Supreme Court Justice Juan M. Merchan, who presided over the hush money case, was biased against the former president.

Tacopina, the senior partner and lead trial attorney at his firm, is recognized as one of the nation's most prominent high-stakes trial attorneys, with over 100 successful cases. A former Brooklyn prosecutor, Tacopina has extended his victorious streak into private practice, representing high-profile clients like athletes, celebrities and executives.

Alongside court representation, Tacopina adeptly manages clients' public image. He frequently appears on national media and teaches at Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop. He has received numerous accolades, including a New York Super Lawyer designation and Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent rating.



Joseph Tacopina, one of the nation's top high-stakes trial attorneys, known for representing high-profile clients with unparalleled success, is also one of two Trump attorneys who attended Brooklyn Law School. Photo: Seth Wenig/AP.