

Trevor Potter Speaks to The New York Times on Trump's New Ethics Adviser

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The Trump Organization has announced that it has appointed an internal legal team to handle compliance and ethics matters. The team includes Bobby Burchfield, a longtime Republican Party lawyer and corporate litigator, as an “independent ethics adviser.” The Trump Organization pointed to the move as a sign of its commitment to addressing questions about potentially unethical behavior by the Organization while Donald Trump is President.

Trevor Potter, a former Republican chairman of the Federal Election Commission, commended Mr. Burchfield as a “very good lawyer” and a “competent litigator,” but said a better choice, from a conflicts standpoint, would have been a nonpartisan federal judge.

“He is very much a Republican insider,” said Mr. Potter, who now leads the Campaign Legal Center, a nonprofit focused on campaign finance. “He was undoubtedly picked in part because he has a history of being a reliable Republican lawyer, a partisan who has represented the party in a number of suits. So he is not an outsider.” Mr. Potter also leads the Political Law team at Caplin & Drysdale.

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