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# Trump's \$10 Billion Lawsuit Against the IRS Raises Conflict of Interest Concerns

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David Gair, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Tax Practice Group, was quoted in the February 3, 2026 *Associated Press* article, "[Trump's \\$10 Billion Lawsuit Against the IRS Raises Conflict of Interest Concerns](#)." The article was also picked up by [ABC News](#), [Daily News-Record](#), [Edge Media Network](#), [The Independent](#), [MSN](#), [The Seattle Times](#), and [The Washington Post](#).

David Gair, a tax attorney with Troutman Pepper Locke in Dallas who represents individuals whose tax information was included in the Littlejohn leak, told The Associated Press that several clients have already reached out about bringing a potential claim against the government.

"People are saying, well, if he can do it, then why can't I do it? And so I think you will have a lot more people filing similar lawsuits, thinking that they might be able to piggyback on what he's doing."

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Individuals whose tax information has been leaked don't have to prove compensatory damages, Gair noted, though Trump is also seeking punitive damages, changing the stakes.

Referring to the [deals that Trump's family business](#) has inked since he won reelection, Gair said Trump may have a hard time showing real harm.

"It's hard for me to believe that he really had any losses, but maybe," Gair said.

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