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## Closing Arguments

*The week in Courthouse News*

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You win some, you lose some — so it went this week for Donald Trump, whose legal battles continue to mark the 2024 campaign trail. The ex-president [failed to remove](#) his New York hush-money case to federal court ([he's appealing](#)). He succeeded in those [post-conviction proceedings](#), however, in getting his [sentencing date pushed to Nov. 26](#) — a date, crucially, after the presidential election. [Erik Uebelacker](#) reports.

It was far from Trump's only courtroom action of the week. As [Josh Russell](#) reports, he appeared live in the Big Apple on Friday to [appeal the 2023 verdict](#) finding him liable for sexually abusing writer E. Jean Carroll in the mid-1990s.

Down in Washington, the [election subversion case against Trump](#) saw its first hearing since the SCOTUS ruling granting broad presidential immunity. [Ryan Knappenberger](#) has the story.

All this as the DOJ [announced an indictment](#) against employees of a Russian government-controlled media outlet who supposedly funded a widespread disinformation campaign using U.S. right-wing influencers. Uebelacker again.

The surge in activity invites questions about how cases that largely stem from Trump's past two runs for president will affect this one. No matter how this election shapes up, [Megan Butler](#) reports one thing made clear this week: Trump won't be using [Isaac Hayes' music](#) to boost his campaign.

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**Here's what else happened in court this week:**



A former aide to New York Governor Kathy Hochul [pleaded not guilty](#) to acting as an agent for China and receiving millions of dollars' worth of property and perks in exchange. [[Nika Schoonover](#)]

» The DOJ [announced charges](#) against a top Hamas leader and others over the terror attacks across southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. Meanwhile, the International Criminal Court's top prosecutor [refused to back down](#) on his request for [arrest warrants](#) against top Israeli officials including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. [[Josh Russell](#), [Molly Quell](#)]

» Apple argued to dismiss a class action in which plaintiffs say the company ignored warnings that stalkers could [use its AirTag devices](#) to track their victims. [[Michael Gennaro](#)]

» The Justice Department announced it is [investigating sexual abuse](#) of inmates by wardens at two California women's prisons. [[Edvard Pettersson](#)]

» In a win for X. Corp., a federal appeals panel [reversed an order](#) against the company in its challenge to California hate speech and misinformation regulations. [[Alan Riquelmy](#)]

» The 11th Circuit upheld that a private Christian school's First Amendment rights were not violated when the state's athletic association [refused to let it broadcast a prayer](#) over a stadium PA system before a 2015 championship football game. [[Kayla Goggin](#)]



Insanity is the only plausible reason a 21-year-old Colorado man opened fire at a Boulder grocery store, killing 10, defense attorney Sam Dunn [argued this week](#). A jury will soon decide whether they agree — or whether to find [Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa](#) guilty for the 2021 slayings. [[Amanda Pampuro](#)]

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A Texas venue for nude dancing told a federal appeals panel that a fee aimed at "sexual oriented" businesses [restricts its free expression](#). [\[Sabrina Canfield\]](#)

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## Rulings on our radar



» **District of Massachusetts:** The maker of Vyvanse [won dismissal](#) of claims by a patient who was given medicine with less of the active ingredient than the label indicated.

» **Middle District of Louisiana:** Louisiana's governor [cannot dismiss as moot](#) a civil rights suit brought by three dozen incarcerated juveniles who say they are being housed with adult inmates.

» **Ninth Circuit:** The court [upheld](#) the denial of qualified immunity to a San Jose police officer who in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder shot a protester in the groin with a 40mm foam baton round.

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