

Election Day 2024 hit the courts before voters officially hit the polls.



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Closing Arguments

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The days-away 2024 election is already adding to the knot of election litigation that courts are still untangling after the 2020 race — including the Supreme Court, which ruled 6-3 to let Virginia [strike 1,600 people from its voter rolls](#).

As [Kelsey Reichmann](#) reports, the commonwealth claimed that if it were to observe the customary [90-day "quiet period"](#) before the election, it would be forced to put noncitizens back on the rolls. But the lower courts said some of the voters tossed were eligible citizens; at least one voter reportedly has voted in every election since he became a citizen 30 years ago, and suddenly is no longer registered.

On Friday, SCOTUS [handed Republicans a loss](#) in Pennsylvania by refusing to block thousands of voters from casting in-person ballots. Hours earlier in the same state, Elon Musk — who [faces a lawsuit](#) from Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner over his \$1 million [daily giveaway](#) — lost his bid to [move the case to a federal forum](#). [Jackson Healy](#) is covering.

In Iowa, [Rox Laird](#) reports, a group that advocates for Hispanic and Latin-American civil rights is [suing state officials](#) over a purge of more than 2,000 naturalized citizens from voter rolls. Washington state's highest court is [weighing the constitutionality of its signature verification policy](#) for mail-in ballots. [Monique Merrill](#) reports.

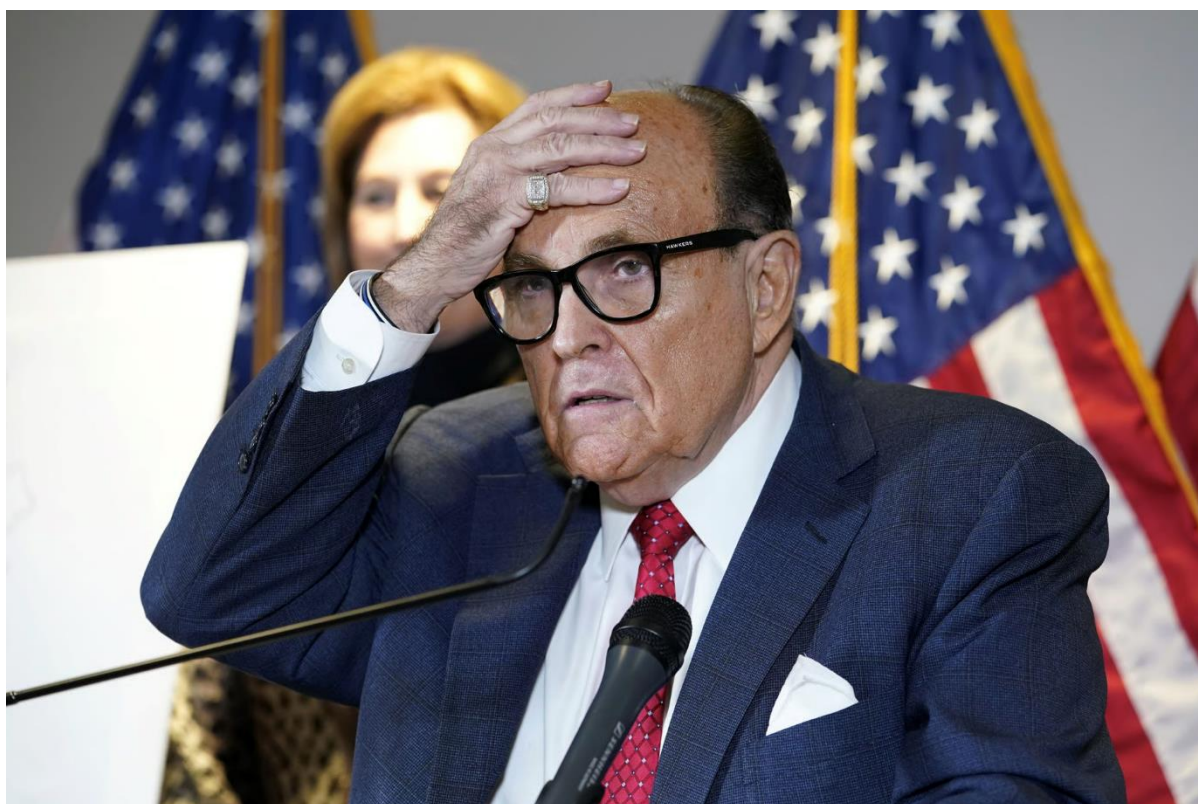
Trump himself filed suit against CBS, claiming the network [doctored an interview](#) with Vice President Kamala Harris to clean up an answer to a question about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. [Edvard Pettersson](#) reports.

Finally, it's worth noting that Courthouse News — particularly in light of some major news outlets breaking with tradition and deciding not to endorse a candidate this year — has decided to do just that. Read it for yourself: [For the people](#).

See you at the polls. In the meantime, more Courthouse News.

— [Nina Pullano](#)

Here's what else happened in court this week:



A New York City judge [muted ex-Mayor Rudy Giuliani's microphone](#), quieting the Trump ally's disruptive outbursts, at an e-hearing in the sexual harassment case against him. [\[Erik Uebelacker\]](#)

» Grammy-winning hip-hop artist Young Thug [entered a surprise plea deal](#), bringing the longest criminal trial in Georgia history to an abrupt end. [\[Megan Butler\]](#)

» [Sony sued CBS](#) over "unauthorized licensing deals" with "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune." [[Hillel Aron](#)]

» Ticketmaster and Live Nation Entertainment [must face customers' claims](#) that the companies violated the Sherman Act. [[Matt Simons](#)]

» Internet providers told an appeals court the [FCC's net neutrality rules](#) put the web in a chokehold. [[Kevin Koeninger](#)]



The federal government asked wants the Sixth Circuit to [lift an injunction](#) that blocked protections for transgender students under Title IX in six states. The same appeals court is weighing whether to [revive a challenge](#) to an Ohio school's policy allowing students to use the restroom that corresponds with their gender identity. [[David Wells](#)]

Top 8: What you've been reading

1. [Ninth Circuit tosses Michael Avenatti's 14-year sentence for stealing from clients](#)
2. [A white Republican aims for an upset in Alabama's court-created Black district](#)

3. [DC Circuit swats Second Amendment challenge to ban on extended magazines](#)
4. [\[Brief\] NLRB can't tell Musk to delete tweet](#)
5. [Judge mutes Giuliani's mic during chaotic e-hearing in sexual harassment case](#)
6. [Fourth Circuit rules against Philadelphia Eagles fans in arbitration dispute with Washington Commanders](#)
7. [Prosecutors urge jurors to find Georgia woman guilty of murdering, burning husband](#)
8. [Young Thug takes plea deal in YSL trial](#)



Los Angeles County [sued Pepsico and Coca-Cola](#) claiming their plastic packaging has contributed to public and environmental health issues in California. [[Candace Cheung](#)]

Rulings on our radar

» **Southern District of New York:** The Marshall Project [won its motion](#) to quash Cleveland's subpoena for copies of audio recordings or written notes a journalist took while interviewing a Black former police sergeant.

» **Louisiana Supreme Court:** The court ruled that a trial court [should have dismissed](#) a workers compensation action by an employee who filed suit under a false name and social security number.

» **Ninth Circuit:** Sentence enhancements [are upheld](#) for child pornography offenders who use computers to commit the offenses.



Halloween may be over, but the tale of Lizzie Borden still haunts the annals of courtroom history. Sidebar's [Hillel Aron](#) and [Amanda Pampuro](#) take you inside America's first trial of the century in "[The trial of Lizzie Borden.](#)"

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