

# Newspaper Report Foils Trump Labor Secretary's Chances of Being the New AG



Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta is out of the running to be President Donald Trump's attorney general following a *Miami Herald* report that he oversaw a sweetheart deal for a wealthy financier accused of sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, according to two people close to the president.

Acosta was a federal prosecutor in Florida before going to Washington, the two advisers said.

*Herald* report Anita Kumar explains:

The investigation, which reported that Acosta, then U.S. attorney, cut a secret deal to allow billionaire Jeffrey Epstein to serve only 13 months in a county jail, is "clearly something" that is being widely circulated among Trump aides, one of the people said. The agreement "essentially shut down an ongoing FBI probe" and granted immunity to "any potential co-conspirators," according to the story.

**Read the *Miami Herald* article.**