

# Divided Virginia Federal Court Hears Trump Emoluments Case



Trump  
International  
Hotel  
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A federal appeals court in Virginia heard arguments Thursday about whether to revive a lawsuit accusing President Trump of violating the Constitution by profiting from his hotel near the White House, according to **a report** by *The New York Times*.

The hearing marks the first time that a full appellate court has considered the emoluments or anticorruption clauses of the Constitution, and Trump is the first president to be sued for allegedly violating those clauses, writes the *Times*' **Sharon LaFraniere**.

The hearing was a spirited session that indicated sharp divisions among the judges over the legal consequences of the president's conduct, according to LaFraniere.

**Read the *NY Times* article.**