

# Facebook GC Leaving as the Company Grapples With Election Aftermath, Federal Investigation

Colin Stretch, Facebook's top lawyer and the man who led Facebook's investigation into Russian election interference efforts following the 2016 U.S. presidential election, is leaving the company at the end of the year, according to a **Recode report**.

Stretch posted on Tuesday that he's planning to leave the company but will stay on until the end of the year to help find his replacement, writes reporter **Kurt Wagner**.

Wagner adds:

Stretch's departure comes during a stressful time for Facebook's legal team. Not only is the company still grappling with the controversial role it played in the 2016 U.S. election – Russia used to platform to try and divide U.S. voters with inflammatory and inaccurate posts – but it's also gearing up for the 2018 midterms. Company executives have been open in saying that they expect foreign governments might try again to sway voters.

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