

# Industry Lawyers Were Granted Ethics Waivers to Work in Trump Administration

Documents released this week reveal that lawyers, lobbyists and industry executives who can now shape policies benefiting their former clients and companies have been allowed to work in the Trump administration, even with the president's vow to "drain the swamp" of influence peddling, reports *The New York Times*.

The report by **Eric Lipton** and **Danielle Ivory** begins with an example:

Lance Leggitt helped collect \$400,000 in fees last year while working as a lobbyist to try to influence Medicare policy at the Department of Health and Human Services – an agency where he now serves as chief of staff.

Under an executive order signed by President Trump in January, lobbyists were banned from that kind of government work. But Mr. Leggitt is among a half dozen officials across the federal government who have been granted special waivers to disregard ethics rules, according to a new set of documents released Wednesday.

**Read the *NYT* article.**