

# Trump's Trademark Continues Its March Across the Globe, Raising Eyebrows

A review of 10 trademark databases shows that President Trump's enterprise has 157 trademark applications pending in 36 countries, reports *The New York Times*.

This business enterprise poses legal and moral perils to the president, even though that business now is run by his two sons. A team of constitutional lawyers and ethics lawyers brought litigation arguing that the Constitution prohibits the president from accepting any economic benefit, including trademark approvals, from foreign governments, write **Sharon LaFraniere** and **Danny Hakim**.

"The legal question is whether new foreign trademark registrations and other transactions between Mr. Trump's businesses and foreign governments violate the emoluments clause of the Constitution," according to the *Times*. "The clause prohibits federal officials from accepting 'any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince or foreign state.'"

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