

## Georgia Prosecutor Confirms Trump Pardons Do Not End State Case



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The decision appears to have unfolded quickly, as the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) confirmed to The Hill on Thursday that no prosecutor has yet been assigned to the case.

On Monday, Pete Skandalakis responded to former President Donald Trump's presidential pardons of several allies linked to the Georgia election case. He emphasized that his team has "diligently" worked on the matter since Fani Willis was disqualified and will continue to do so "without being influenced by matters outside the scope of our assigned task."

Skandalakis stressed that the pardons apply only to federal charges and do not affect state-level charges, a distinction that carries significant implications given the ongoing state prosecution involving Trump and others in Georgia.

For now, the state case continues under PAC oversight until a new special prosecutor is appointed, meaning the legal process remains active despite the pardons. Legal analysts note that federal pardons do not interrupt state proceedings, as the two jurisdictions operate independently.

Skandalakis' clarification reinforces that while the pardons may lessen federal exposure for Trump's allies, the state case remains intact, with its direction and scope unchanged by any federal action.