Political Smear Job? Perkins Coie Seems To Sell Political Hit-Jobs

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Over the July 4th holiday, <u>NBC News posted an article</u> detailing alleged <u>sexual abuse</u> at Ohio State University. **At the center of the story**, **NBC News implicated one of the most well-known members of the Republican party**, **Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio**.

Former wrestlers that Jordan coached over two decades ago at OSU accuse him of failing to stop the team doctor from molesting students.

It's obvious to anyone paying attention that Jim Jordan is on the rise. Already a member of the Freedom Caucus, his name has been thrown around by many for the next Speaker of the House. Jordan has also led the charge against the corruption at the FBI and DOJ – known for many heated debates in hearings.

To note, the University opened an investigation into the accusations that Dr. Richard Strauss – who died in 2005 – abused students when he was the doctor for the wrestling team during his tenure from the mid-70's to late 90's back in April. The timing of Jordan's name being thrown into the mess is not the only suspect element regarding this scandal...

Enter Perkins Coie, the firm heavily involved in the investigation into whether or not Russia influenced the 2016 Presidential election. When DNC servers were hacked, Perkins Coie did not go to authorities with proof of the hack but instead hired Crowdstrike, a cybersecurity firm with ties to Hillary Clinton, to investigate the breach.

As **FMShooter** reported back in 2017:

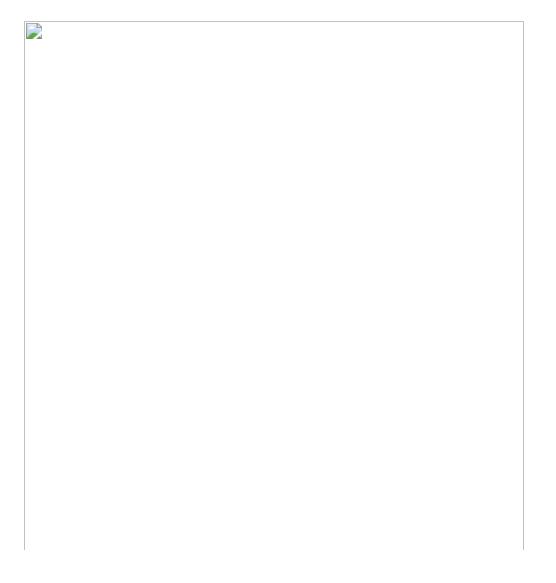
On top of all of this, Crowdstrike was the *only one* to come to a conclusion on the "Russia" conspiracy. The FBI never even inspected the hacked DNC servers and simply went off of Crowdstrike's conclusion that Russian hackers *did* infiltrate DNC servers when there is absolutely *no proof* behind their claim.

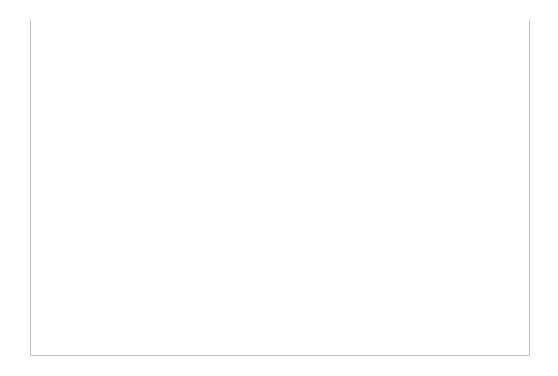
Perkins Coie also sits at the center of the <u>FISA abuse scandal</u>. The <u>Steele dossier</u>was the <u>first piece of evidence used in FISA warrants</u> to surveil former Trump team member, Carter Page. **Both the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic**

National Committee helped fund research into the Steele dossier <u>through Perkins Coie</u> – the very same law firm that is now looking into the accusations against Strauss and Jim Jordan.

<u>For proof, OpenSecrets has Perkins Coie's major</u> contributions laid bare.

Of course, the <u>DNC</u> tops the list with Hillary For America, Obama for America, and Priorities USA Action – David Brock's former PAC – also making appearances; along with many other high-profile Democratic fundraising efforts.





Notably, Perkins Coie was hired by OSU to investigate the accusations less than a month after the University shut down their office that helped sexual-assault victims. In a statement, OSU said:

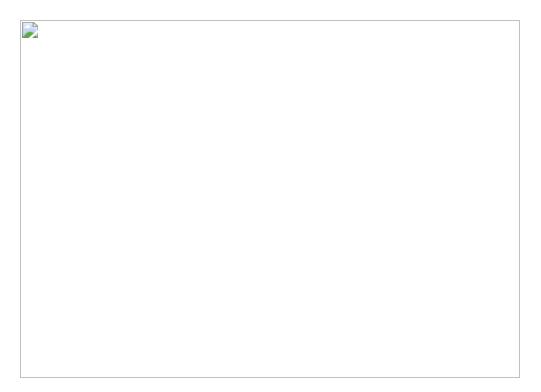
To date, Perkins Coie has interviewed more than 150 former students and witnesses and is engaged in further investigative efforts. Ohio State has shared all additional information that has come to the attention of the university with the independent investigators whose work is ongoing.

This isn't even mentioning the shaky history of Jordan's accusers, raising questions about their authenticity.

One of the <u>accusers</u>, Mike DiSabato is **being accused by the** widow of a marine for <u>intimidating and bullying her</u> over a memorial fund set up in her husband's name. Another

accuser <u>served time in prison</u> for a \$1.8 million fraud scheme.

While OSU did notify local police and prosecutors, it's strange that they immediately selected a law firm (and stranger that it was Perkins Coie) instead of letting police handle the investigation. Perkins Coie has no power to convene a grand jury or bring charges of perjury; nor do they have police powers or are able to compel someone to testify.



Certainly, an investigation into these accusations is warranted. However, giving the case to a law firm with proven bias isn't how to go about getting to the truth. Perkins Coie are already involved in **numerous scandals** and being involved in this investigation further complicates the process. Perkins Coie has proven that politics is more important than the truth – therefore, can any conclusion they reach in this case really be trusted?

Editor's note: After this article was posted, a member of the FMShooter team uncovered more about Perkins Coie:

Attorneys behind "US Army quietly discharging immigrant recruits" are Perkins Coie. https://t.co/OnIhavn7rA
pic.twitter.com/LuEKObDAFo

— с ніц (@TheChiIIum) <u>July 6, 2018</u>

The quoted text is as follows:

In recent years, a group of attorneys have been fighting to keep their recruited immigrant clients eligible for naturalization as delays have mounted. Some have been successful, including nearly 50 recruits who were granted a type of temporary status while their background investigations are being completed.

"Some of our clients have finally emerged through the system and at least are doing basic training," said Donald Friedman, a Washington attorney with Perkins Coie.

The firm has certainly engaged in far more legal actions supporting liberal causes than the few listed against Rep. Jordan.