



The Interior Department's Inspector General [confirmed](#) Tuesday that six Trump appointees at the agency are under investigation for possibly breaking federal ethics rules about engaging with their former employers or clients on official matters related to their previous jobs.

The six high-ranking officials join the department's brand new secretary, David Bernhardt, who was in his role for all of four days before he was [slapped](#) with an investigation over his conflicts of interests and other potential ethics violations.

The newest investigations came about after the Campaign Legal Center brought a [complaint](#) to the IG's office about the conduct of the officials. Taken together, the conduct suggests "a disturbing pattern of misconduct across the Department of the Interior," the complaint says.

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