

## **Election Integrity Network (EIN)**

Election Integrity Network was founded in 2021 as a project of the Conservative Partnership Institute. The group identifies itself as a “coalition of conservative leaders, organizations, public officials and citizens dedicated to securing the legality of every American vote,” but it is often described in the media as an offshoot of efforts to overturn the election for Donald Trump in 2020. EIN is founded and led by Cleta Mitchell, a longtime Republican attorney and activist who was a key figure in the attempt to overturn the 2020 election. The other staff and board members of EIN are also Republican operatives and former Trump administration officials.

Election Integrity Network was initially “incubated” by the Conservative Partnership Institute. In 2022, EIN registered as a 501(c)(4) with the IRS and filed a 990 form reporting receiving \$755,000 in contributions and grants. In February 2023, EIN was folded into the Virginia Institute for Public Policy and its current fundraising, tax-exempt status, and staffing is unknown.

### *Key findings:*

**EIN is led by Cleta Mitchell, a key figure in the efforts to overturn the election for Donald Trump in 2020.** Election Integrity Network was founded by attorney Cleta Mitchell in early 2021. Mitchell is a longtime “fixture in the conservative movement,” representing the National Rifle Association, serving as chairman of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, and working closely with Virginia Thomas through the Council for National Policy. Mitchell was a central player in Donald Trump’s attempts to overturn the 2020 election. She was on the phone during Trump’s infamous phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger where Trump asked officials to “find 11,780 votes.” Mitchell was also responsible for recruiting attorney John Eastman to craft specious legal theories claiming that Mike Pence could keep Donald Trump in power. Mitchell has been described as “the most central player in the attempt to steal the election who isn’t facing prison time.” The other staff and board members of EIN are also longtime Republican operatives and Trump administration alumni and several have boasted that the group’s goal is “2020 never again.”

**EIN hosts conspiratorial “Election Integrity Summits,” which train poll watchers to intimidate election workers.** The primary activity of Election Integrity Network has been organizing “election task forces” at the state and local levels, purportedly to protect the electoral process and ensure trained workers are at the polls. These ostensible “election integrity” efforts actually involve intimidating election officials and searching for ways to invalidate ballots. EIN hosted a series of “election integrity summits” in 2022 in key swing states. These summits spread disinformation and conspiracy theories about the 2020 election being stolen from Donald Trump and instruct attendees on aggressive methods of poll watching with a focus on surveillance and creating pressure on local officials.

**EIN has close ties to the Republican Party.** Cleta Mitchell claims that the Election Integrity Network is a “nonpartisan, educational, charitable organization” that does not endorse candidates or political parties; however, the organization maintains very close ties to the national and state Republican Parties, and has at times engaged in political activity that appears to violate the law. RNC officials spoke at numerous EIN summits in 2022 and often appeared to defer to Mitchell and the Election Integrity Network for leadership and to provide staff and “muscle” for party poll watching efforts. EIN also retweeted campaign material from Rep. Lauren Boebert and Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake in 2022 in apparent violation of the law prohibiting campaign intervention by nonprofit organizations.

**EIN was a key organization in the movement to dismantle ERIC.** EIN and Cleta Mitchell were key parts of efforts to discredit and dismantle the bipartisan Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a joint effort between states to verify voter registrations and catch duplicate registrations. In 2022, Mitchell convened a secret ERIC summit with Republican officials to urge them to leave the coalition. EIN has also been

promoting the EagleAI NETWORK, billed as a conservative alternative to ERIC that will allow activists to generate mass waves of voter challenges.

**Cleta Mitchell and EIN oppose expanding voting rights and believe “we don’t live in a democracy.”** Mitchell claims to remain in “fairly frequent” contact with Donald Trump and with Republican state legislators to lobby for additional restrictions on voting rights. Mitchell opposes vote-by-mail and early voting, and has attacked Democrats for registering minority and low income voters. In 2023, she gave a presentation to RNC donors calling for limits of voting on college campuses and same-day voter registration. Mitchell also emphatically told an EIN summit in 2022 that “We don’t live in a democracy.”

## **Background**

**January 2021: Election Integrity Network Was Launched As A Project Of The Conservative Partnership Institute.** “The Left wasn’t worried about chaos and disorder leading up to Election Day 2020. They wanted floods of unsolicited mail-in ballots, same-day voter registrations, and voters whose identities could not be verified. In an environment like this, cheating is easy and proving it is hard. The good news is that in 2021, thousands of people like you rose up in a national citizens’ movement to get to the bottom of what happened in 2020 and restore election integrity. There were new groups, new election integrity projects, and new activists joining the fight. But in order to succeed, we all need to work together, and work quickly. 2020 was just one election—there will be many more. We need to build permanent networks of active, alert citizens in every county and every state. This is the mission of CPI’s Election Integrity Network (EIN). The EIN, launched in January 2021, is a project to ensure that local and state groups, public officials, national organizations, and activists all work together to secure the legality of every American vote. The EIN is led by election law attorney Cleta Mitchell, who joined CPI at the start of the year as a senior legal fellow.” [Conservative Partnership Institute [2021 Annual Report](#)]

**2023: Election Integrity Network Is Now “Administered And Managed By The Virginia Institute For Public Policy.”** “In 2021, the Virginia Institute founded the Virginia Fair Elections Coalition (VFE) – which is now the template for every state election integrity coalition. The Virginia Model is active and operational in more than 20 states, with more states regularly coming on board. Election Integrity Network is now administered and managed by the Virginia Institute for Public Policy with Virginia Institute president Lynn Taylor also serving as EIN’s Chairman as Cleta Mitchell retains an active EIN role as its founder.” [Election Integrity Network Booklet, [June 2023](#)]

## PHILOSOPHY

**EIN Has Served As The “Conduit” Between Fringe Conspiracy Theorists And The Republican Party.** “Ms. Mitchell has described herself as a key conduit between activists and Republican Party leadership. ‘We are trying to bridge the gap between the grass-roots and some of the issues we’ve had with the party,’ she told trainees at the event outside Harrisburg. Ms. Mitchell is no doubt connecting with some of the fringe groups and ideas some in the party once avoided. In Virginia, for example, Ms. Mitchell helped a nonprofit organize a coalition that includes Virginians for America First, a group advocating for hand-counting ballots. It’s a position popular among some of those who believe conspiracy theories about foreign hacking in the 2020 election. The group was funded by Patrick Byrne, the former Overstock.com executive who is now a major benefactor of the election denial movement. In Michigan, Ms. Mitchell’s group held a training session in May that was sponsored in part by a coalition of grass-roots groups called the Michigan Election Protection Team. The R.N.C.’s state election integrity director brought together the coalition to recruit poll workers. According to its website, the coalition includes LaRouchePAC, a committee dedicated to Lyndon LaRouche, the deceased conspiracy theorist, and Let’s Fix Stuff, an outfit run by a former Republican state senator who has promoted a theory about the 2020 election that Republican Michigan Senate leaders denounced as ‘indefensible.’” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

**2022: EIN Executive Director Marshall Yates: “We’re All Here Because Of What Happened In 2020.”**

“CPI’s ‘election integrity’ efforts grew directly out of Trump’s failed attempt to overturn the 2020 election, according to Marshall Yates, a CPI Election Integrity Network official. ‘We’re all here because of what happened in 2020,’ Yates said at an October 2022 event in New Mexico organized by the group. ‘The election objection did not go as we wanted in 2020, on January 6, but we built up and this movement is here today partly because we didn’t get to have the debate we needed in Congress,’ Yates said, noting that he was previously Chief of Staff to Rep. Mo Brooks, a central player in Trump’s effort to block Biden’s victory in Congress. ‘We were shut out—for whatever reason that was, whatever happened, whoever planned it—but we didn’t get to have that happen.’ ‘But luckily it sparked a grassroots movement across the country for election integrity,’ Yates said. ‘And without all of us rising up and saying, putting our foot down and saying, no, we will not let what happened in 2020 ever happen again, we wouldn’t be in this room.’” [Documented, [8/2/22](#)]

**Election Integrity Network Identifies Itself As A “Coalition Of Conservative Leaders, Organizations, Public Officials And Citizens Dedicated To Securing The Legality Of Every American Vote.”** “Election Integrity Network and Who’s Counting with Cleta Mitchell is a coalition of conservative leaders, organizations, public officials and citizens dedicated to securing the legality of every American vote. EIN is led by attorney Cleta Mitchell, a nationally recognized election law attorney, author, scholar and advocate.” [Election Integrity Network, [accessed 6/13/24](#)]

**Election Integrity Network Claims To Be “The National Hub For Communication And Action For Citizens Nationwide Who Are Committed To Work To Protect Our American Voting Systems.”** “The Election Integrity Network is the national hub for communication and action for citizens nationwide who are committed to work to protect our American voting systems. Our network has created opportunities to develop and share research and information, develop policy proposals and create legal strategies. EIN’s communication strategy includes regular coalition meetings in person and virtually, the weekly Election Integrity Network Gazette, media outreach, and the Who’s Counting? With Cleta Mitchell podcast.” [Election Integrity Network, [accessed 6/13/24](#)]

**STAFF**

*In 2023, EIN was partially folded into the Virginia Institute for Public Policy and the staffing and board membership reported in the group’s 2022 IRS 990 form may no longer be up to date.*

Notable Staff	
Name	Position
Marshall Yates	Executive Director
Cleta Mitchell	President
Wade Miller	Chair, Director
Gene Hamilton	Secretary, Director
Patrick Corrigan	Treasurer
Alexei Woltornist	Director

Source: Election Integrity Network IRS 2022 990 Form, Filed on [11/15/23](#)

**2023: Virginia Institute For Public Policy President Lynn Taylor Became The Chairman Of The Election Integrity Network.** “My name is Lynn Taylor. I am the President of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy and, more importantly for this hearing today, I am the Chairman of the Virginia Fair Elections Coalition and the Election Integrity Network, a project of the Virginia Institute. [...] As of February 1, 2023, the Election Integrity Network (EIN) is now a project of the Virginia Institute and I serve as the Network’s national chairman.” [Lynn Taylor Testimony, House Committee on Administration Elections Subcommittee, [3/23/23](#)]

- **Taylor Is A Longtime Conservative Activist And Member Of The Federalist Society.** “Prior to her current positions, Lynn was managing director of the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation in Washington, D.C. Well experienced in the management and the funding of nonprofit organizations, she served on the boards of The Heartland Institute for Public Policy, Chicago; the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, New York; the Young Entrepreneurs of Washington, D.C.; and presently serves on the board of One Generation Away, Washington, D.C. [...] Lynn is a member of The Federalist Society.” [Virginia Institute for Public Policy, [accessed 6/13/24](#)]

**EIN Executive Director Marshall Yates Is A Longtime Republican Operative And Former Chief Of Staff To Rep. Mo Brooks.** “The office of Congressman Mo Brooks has made a staff change at the top. Marshall Yates, who served as chief of staff for the past two years, has resigned, according to Brooks. [...] Yates has worked in Republican politics for several years, going back to post-college internships with the Alabama Law Institute. He worked in Brooks’ Capitol Hill office for five years, eventually becoming his top staffer and adviser. ‘It has been an honor to serve the people of Alabama’s 5th Congressional District for the past 5 years, especially the last few as Chief of Staff,’ Yates told ADN. ‘I look forward to continuing my work in the conservative movement with collegiality and courage.’” [Alabama Daily News, [3/14/22](#)]

- **Yates Was Serving As Brooks’ Chief Of Staff When He “Led The Charge” To Overturn The Election For Donald Trump.** “In early January 2021, as President Donald Trump summoned his supporters to Washington, Rep. Mo Brooks says he received a dire warning from a fellow lawmaker: Antifa was planning to infiltrate the Jan. 6 rally ‘dressing like Trump supporters.’ The Alabama Republican was so convinced that his life was in danger that he stopped going home and began sleeping on his office floor. He was there Jan. 5 when, shortly before going to sleep, he tweeted that Trump had asked him ‘personally to speak & tell the American people about the election system weaknesses that the Socialist Democrats exploited to steal this election.’ The next morning, Brooks slipped into body armor underneath a yellow and black jacket, and then delivered an incendiary speech to a sea of Trump backers near the White House. ‘Today is the day American patriots start taking down names and kicking ass,’ Brooks said. ‘Now, our ancestors sacrificed their blood, their sweat, their tears, their fortunes and sometimes their lives ... Are you willing to do the same? My answer is yes. Louder! Are you willing to do what it takes to fight for America?’ Brooks has faced intense scrutiny over his fiery rhetoric that morning to a crowd that soon stormed the U.S. Capitol in a violent attack. But less public attention has been paid to Brooks’s key role in the lead-up to Jan. 6. A review of his speeches, tweets and media appearances as well as affidavits and other court filings reveals his central part in mobilizing the effort to overturn Joe Biden’s victory by repeatedly claiming that the election was stolen and then becoming the first member of Congress to declare he would challenge the electoral college results. ‘I led the charge,’ Brooks, 67, said on a podcast hosted by Stephen K. Bannon, Trump’s former adviser.” [Washington Post, [1/10/22](#)]

**EIN Director Wade Miller Is The Executive Director Of Center For Renewing America Action And A Longtime Republican Operative, Including Working For Ted Cruz And Rep. Chip Roy.** “Wade Miller is a combat veteran who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantryman. He has spent more than a decade working with the conservative grassroots movement, campaigns, public policy development in Washington, and on Capitol Hill. After deploying into combat theatres three times in Iraq and the Horn of Africa, Wade became involved in the Tea Party movement at home. Wade brought his understanding of the conservative grassroots to Heritage Action for America, working as a Senior Regional Coordinator covering the South Central portion of the United States, including his home state of Texas. Wade also served as Political Director for Senator Ted Cruz during the 2018 Senate campaign cycle. Most recently, he served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Chip Roy. Wade lives in Virginia with his family. He is a graduate of University of Texas at Dallas.” [Center for Renewing America, [accessed 6/12/24](#)]

**EIN Secretary Gene Hamilton Is A Trump Administration Veteran And The Vice President Of Stephen Miller’s America First Legal.** “Gene serves as Vice-President and General Counsel of America First Legal.

Prior to AFL, Gene served as Counselor to the Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice from 2017-2021—providing legal advice, counsel, and strategic guidance. He has also served as Senior Counselor to the Secretary of Homeland Security, General Counsel on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and served in a variety of other roles at the Department of Homeland Security.” [America First Legal, [accessed 6/12/24](#)]

**EIN Treasurer Patrick Corrigan Runs A Republican Fundraising Firm And Is The Brother Of Conservative Partnership Institute President Ed Corrigan.** “The Conservative Partnership Institute, a nonprofit whose funding skyrocketed after it became a nerve center for President Donald J. Trump’s allies in Washington, has paid at least \$3.2 million since the start of 2021 to corporations led by its own leaders or their relatives, records show. In its most recent tax filings, the nonprofit’s three highest-paid contractors were all connected to insiders. One was led by the institute’s president, Edward Corrigan, and another by its chief operating officer. At a third contractor, the board members included the group’s senior legal fellow Cleta Mitchell, a lawyer who supported Mr. Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Last year, the Conservative Partnership Institute hired a fourth company connected to an insider: a fund-raising firm run by Mr. Corrigan’s brother, Patrick Corrigan. Public filings show the company received a contract three weeks before the firm was legally formed.” [New York Times, [5/6/24](#)]

**EIN Director Alexei Woltornist Is A Former Trump Appointee And Republican Hill Staffer.** “Mr. Woltornist has advised non-profits and public leaders on communications and government relations strategy for over a decade. Prior to co-founding ATHOS, he served as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, overseeing all outreach and media relations efforts and the department’s team of more than 800 communications professionals. [...] Previously, Mr. Woltornist served as a spokesman at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he led communications efforts for the Antitrust Division, including media engagement for the investigation into Big Tech. He was also responsible for communications involving congressional investigations in addition to several high-profile Supreme Court cases. He further served as Communications Director of the Republican Study Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, the largest caucus of the chamber.” [Athos PR, [accessed 6/12/24](#)]

- **Woltoernist Is A Priest In The Melkite Catholic Church.** [@AWoltornist, [accessed 6/12/24](#)]

### Cleta Mitchell, President

**Cleta Mitchell Chairs The Election Integrity Network.** “Cleta Mitchell chairs the Election Integrity Network. Cleta is an attorney, licensed in Oklahoma and the District of Columbia, who has practiced election, campaign finance, and political law for decades. Cleta graduated from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma College of Law, and serves as the Chairman of the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), which she founded with J. Christian Adams and Hans von Spakovsky. PILF is the only conservative public interest law firm devoted solely to election integrity. Cleta has served as outside counsel to the NRCC, the NRSC, the National Rifle Association, and dozens of GOP members of the House and Senate, as well as many local and state Republican party committees. In 2020, she served as a volunteer attorney for the Trump legal team in Georgia. She represents numerous conservative organizations and was one of the key attorneys who fought back against the Obama IRS during the targeting of tea party groups. Cleta also serves as the Chairman of the National Election Protection Task Force for FreedomWorks Inc., established to engage citizens in the grassroots fight for election integrity. Cleta is admitted to practice before many federal district courts and the US Supreme Court.” [WhosCounting.US, [accessed 6/11/24](#)]

**Mitchell “Has Been A Fixture In The Conservative Movement.”** “The 71-year-old lawyer has been a steady and influential force in the voting battles. Once a liberal Democrat in Oklahoma, Ms. Mitchell has been a fixture in the conservative movement. She has represented the National Rifle Association and was on the board of the American Conservative Union. She has worked closely with Virginia Thomas, the wife of the Supreme

Court justice Clarence Thomas, on organizing through the Council for National Policy, a national coordinating group for conservative leaders.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

- **Mitchell Describes Herself As “Consigliere To The Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy.”** “Among those working with her was a CNP board of governors member named Cleta Mitchell, a lawyer who often speaks in the closed-door meetings about issues around election integrity. Mitchell has described herself jokingly as ‘consigliere to the vast right-wing conspiracy.’ She was a driving force behind the allegations a decade ago that the IRS and Obama White House engaged in a political witch hunt against tea party groups — and later worked closely with Trump as he disputed the 2020 election results.” [Washington Post, [10/25/21](#)]

**Mitchell Was A Key Figure In Donald Trump’s Attempt To Overturn The 2020 Election.** “In August 2020, Mr. Trump tapped her to prepare for postelection litigation. She enlisted John Eastman, the lawyer who crafted specious legal theories claiming Vice President Mike Pence could keep Mr. Trump in power. ‘A movement is stirring,’ Ms. Mitchell wrote to Mr. Eastman just two days after Election Day. ‘But needs constitutional support.’ Ms. Mitchell helped the president argue his case to state officials. She was on the phone with Mr. Trump when he asked Brad Raffensperger, Georgia’s secretary of state, to ‘find 11,780 votes’ that could reverse Mr. Trump’s defeat there.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

- ***The Intercept* Called Mitchell “Arguably The Most Central Player In The Attempt To Steal The Election Who Isn’t Facing Prison Time.”** “When Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis unveiled her sprawling RICO case against Trump last month, Mitchell wasn’t one of the 19 people facing charges. The district attorney was under no obligation to follow the grand jury’s recommendations. Willis’s office declined to comment, and legal experts can only theorize why Willis didn’t charge Mitchell. Mitchell is arguably the most central player in the attempt to steal the election who isn’t facing prison time. Regardless, while much of the energy around the grand jury report has focused on the recommendation to indict three senators since its release Friday, Mitchell is arguably the most central player in the attempt to steal the election who isn’t facing prison time. Eastman hasn’t been as fortunate; neither has Mitchell’s colleague Mark Meadows, the former White House chief of staff who was charged for his role in the call with Raffensperger, despite being far less vocal. Mitchell’s escape from prosecution has far larger implications than her personal freedom: Unencumbered by a fierce legal battle, Mitchell remains one of the most influential people in the movement that’s undermining American democracy.” [The Intercept, [9/13/23](#)]

**2021: Mitchell Resigned From Her Partnership At Foley and Lardner After The Firm Criticized Her Participation In Donald Trump’s Phone Call With Georgia Secretary Of State Brad Raffensperger Pressuring Him To “Find” Enough Votes To Overturn The Election.** “Mitchell advised Trump and was on the call between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in January 2021 when Trump asked Raffensperger to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn the result. ‘All we have to do, Cleta, is find 11,000-plus votes,’ Trump said on the call, which is now under investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis as part of a broader inquiry into efforts to overturn the 2020 result in Georgia. Mitchell has long been a prominent Republican lawyer who has worked for a range of causes, candidates and committees, including the National Rifle Association, former EPA administrator Scott Pruitt and the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Mitchell was a partner in the firm Foley and Lardner but resigned a day after the Raffensperger call, following a statement from the firm criticizing her participation in the call and her involvement with Trump. After her resignation, Mitchell defended her involvement with Trump’s efforts in a letter to family and friends. ‘Those who deny the existence of voter and election fraud are not in touch with facts and reality,’ she wrote.” [Washington Post, [4/20/23](#)]

**Mitchell Claims Not To Have Been Part Of The “Stop The Steal” Movement But She Was Responsible For Recruiting Attorney John Eastman To Provide The Legal Theory That State Legislatures Can Seize Control Of The Election.** “Mitchell was a player in the previous decade’s legal battles between Democrats and Republicans over voting rights. In 2019, motivated by legal actions filed by Democratic campaign lawyers in

anticipation of the 2020 election, she visited Trump campaign lawyers to discuss legal countermeasures. Nothing resulted from the meeting. The following year, the pandemic prompted many states to significantly expand alternatives to voting in person, allowing more widespread use of mail-in ballots and drop boxes for delivering them. In July 2020, Mitchell again brought up the subject of legal preparations, this time to Meadows. The conversation led to a phone call with Trump, who she says was sold on the idea. He gave his blessing, she said, for a project to build a legal scaffolding for postelection challenges. ‘I wasn’t part of Stop the Steal,’ Mitchell said when I spoke to her recently. ‘I didn’t attend a single Stop the Steal rally.’ But Mitchell was significant to that movement all the same: She had recruited Eastman, whom she had known for two decades, to draw up his legal theory for giving control over the election to state legislatures. ‘A movement is stirring,’ she wrote, asking him to write a memo laying out the theory. ‘But needs constitutional support.’” [New York Times, [7/19/22](#)]

**2021: Mitchell Was Also Running A \$10 Million “Election Integrity” Organization Based At FreedomWorks.** “Mitchell has two new roles in an emerging conservative voting operation. She’s running a \$10 million initiative at the limited government group FreedomWorks to both push for new restrictions in voting and help train conservatives to get involved in the nuts and bolts of local elections. She’s also a senior legal fellow at the Conservative Partnership Institute, an organization run by former Republican Sen. Jim DeMint. She says she’ll use that role to “coordinate” conservative voting positions, particularly in opposition to H.R. 1” [Associated Press, [3/28/21](#)]

**Mitchell Is A Member Of The Board Of The Right Wing Bradley Foundation.** “Cleta Mitchell is an attorney with almost 50 years of experience in law, politics and public policy, advising nonprofit and issue organizations, corporations, candidates, campaigns, and individuals on state and federal campaign finance law, election law, and compliance issues related to lobbying, ethics and financial disclosure. Since leaving the active practice of law in 2021, Ms. Mitchell has served as the Senior Legal Fellow at the Conservative Partnership Institute in Washington, DC, where she founded the Election Integrity Network, training and mobilizing thousands of citizens to become involved in supporting the rule of law in elections. In 2023, Ms. Mitchell founded and chairs the Foundation for Accountability and Integrity in Elections Fund, the FAIR Elections Fund.” [The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, [accessed 6/13/24](#)]

## FINANCIAL REPORTING

*Founded as “project” of the Conservative Partnership Institute, Election Integrity Network began filing its own IRS 990 forms under a separate taxpayer ID (88-2166493) in 2022. In 2023, EIN was partially folded into the Virginia Institute for Public Policy and may no longer file its own 990 forms going forward.*

IRS 990 Financial Reporting	
Description	2022
Contributions and Grants	\$755,255
Total Revenue	\$763,255
Salaries	\$79,455
Total Expenses	\$746,957
Total Assets	\$24,298
Net Assets	\$6,298

Source: Election Integrity Network IRS 2022 990 Form, Filed on [11/15/23](#)

**Conservative Partnership Institute Served As The “Incubator” For Election Integrity Network.** “CPI has provided the administrative, staffing, and legal support needed to launch more than a dozen groups—including America First Legal, Center for Renewing America, American Cornerstone Institute, American Accountability Foundation, State Freedom Caucus Network, Election Integrity Network, American Moment, and Personnel Policy Operations.” [CPI.org, [accessed 6/11/24](#)]

**CPI Provided More Than Three Quarters Of Election Integrity Network’s Funding In 2022.** Conservative Partnership Institute reported making \$530,000 in grants to Election Integrity Network in 2022, the most recent year available. This represents roughly 77% of all contributions and grants received by EIN in that year. [Conservative Partnership Institute IRS 2022 990 Form, [Filed on 11/15/23](#)]

**Pro-Trump Citizens For Renewing America Provided Over \$225,000 In Funding For Election Integrity Network In 2022.** The pro-Trump 501(c)(4) advocacy group Citizens for Renewing America, led by former Trump budget director Russell Vought, reported granting \$228,200 to Election Integrity Network in 2022, the most recent year available. Citizens for Renewing America is also an “incubator” project of the Conservative Partnership Institute. [Citizens for Renewing America IRS 2022 990 Form, [Filed on 2/28/24](#)]

**Although EIN Registered As A 501(c)(4) Organization In 2022, The Conservative Partnership Institute Is Soliciting “Tax Deductible” Contributions For The Group.** “Make a tax-deductible donation to help CPI build a coalition of conservative activists, leaders, public officials, and organizations to advance election integrity reforms nationwide.” [Election Integrity Network, [accessed 6/12/24](#)]

## POLL WATCHING

**2022: EIN Hosted A Series Of Election Integrity Summits In Key Swing States With A Goal Of Launching Permanent Coalitions Of Election Deniers.** “In early 2022, CPI held daylong summits in Georgia, Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan, North Carolina, and Wisconsin. In October 2022, it also held a summit in New Mexico featuring John Eastman. These were not one-day summits to simply rile up the base and build email lists—these were kick-off events to launch in-state election integrity coalitions, and are followed by regular calls, meetings, and other organizing efforts. The summits and in-state coalitions include the participation of other election denialist groups like Tea Party Patriots, Heritage Action, and Turning Point USA, as well as a range of fringe state-based groups, like Audit the Vote PA and Stand Up Michigan. ‘The goal of what we’re trying to do at this meeting today is to build a permanent election integrity infrastructure here in the state of Pennsylvania, and that infrastructure includes a statewide coalition,’ said Tea Party Patriots’ Jenny Beth Martin at the Pennsylvania summit in March 2022.” [Documented, [8/2/22](#)]

- **EIN Election Integrity Summits Spread Disinformation And Conspiracy Theories About The 2020 Election.** “In addition to recruiting and training election ‘task force’ members, EIN uses its summits to spread disinformation about the 2020 election being stolen from Donald Trump. Events frequently feature panels promoting false claims of fraud and conspiracies about mail-in and absentee voting. Key Trumpworld figures like Mark Meadows have appeared at EIN’s summits to give keynote speeches with inflammatory titles such as, ‘What Happened in 2020 and What We Must Do to Protect Future Elections in Arizona.’ EIN has promoted a documentary by the Capital Research Center alleging that Mark Zuckerberg ‘manipulated’ the 2020 election in favor of Democrats.” [Monitoring Influence, [accessed 6/13/24](#)]
- **Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows Had A Lead Role In At Least One EIN Election Summit In 2022.** “An influential conservative group that includes two Trump allies who helped push lies about voter fraud in 2020 is spearheading ‘election integrity’ summits in battleground states, advocating for expanded poll watching, ‘clean’ voter rolls and other measures watchdogs say could curb voting rights to help Republican candidates. The Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI) ‘election integrity network’ is run by the veteran GOP lawyer Cleta Mitchell, who helped to spread misinformation about supposed election fraud in 2020. Mark Meadows, Donald Trump’s last White House chief of staff, is a senior partner of the CPI and reportedly had a lead role in at least one of its summits. Mitchell, CPI’s senior legal fellow, has hosted multi-day summits, seeking to mobilize hundreds of conservative activists for elections this year in Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania, all states that Trump lost to Joe Biden, and Florida, which he won. CPI is slated to hold summits this spring in Virginia, Michigan and Wisconsin, as it seeks to build ‘election

integrity’ infrastructure in swing states. Powerful groups on the right such as Heritage Action and Tea Party Patriots Action have participated in previous summits.” [The Guardian, [4/18/22](#)]

**2022: Cleta Mitchell Said EIN Was Creating “A Volunteer Army Of Citizens” To Combat Democratic Bias In Election Offices.** “In seminars around the country, Ms. Mitchell is marshaling volunteers to stake out election offices, file information requests, monitor voting, work at polling places and keep detailed records of their work. She has tapped into a network of grass-root groups that promote misinformation and espouse wild theories about the 2020 election, including the fiction that President Biden’s victory could still be decertified and Mr. Trump reinstated. One concern is the group’s intent to research the backgrounds of local and state officials to determine whether each is a ‘friend or foe’ of the movement. Many officials already feel under attack by those who falsely contend that the 2020 election was stolen. An extensive review of Ms. Mitchell’s effort, including documents and social media posts, interviews and attendance at the Harrisburg seminar, reveals a loose network of influential groups and fringe figures. They include election deniers as well as mainstream organizations such as the Heritage Foundation’s political affiliate, Tea Party Patriots and the R.N.C., which has participated in Ms. Mitchell’s seminars. The effort, called the Election Integrity Network, is a project of the Conservative Partnership Institute, a right-wing think tank with close ties and financial backing from Mr. Trump’s political operation. Ms. Mitchell says she is creating ‘a volunteer army of citizens’ who can counter what she describes as Democratic bias in election offices. ‘We’re going to be watching. We’re going to take back our elections,’ she said in an April interview with John Fredericks, a conservative radio host. ‘The only way they win is to cheat,’ she added.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

**2022: The New York Times Described EIN’s Trainings As Promoting “Particularly Aggressive Methods — With A Focus On Surveillance — That Appear Intended To Feed On Activists’ Distrust And Create Pressure On Local Officials.”** “Ms. Mitchell’s trainings promote particularly aggressive methods — with a focus on surveillance — that appear intended to feed on activists’ distrust and create pressure on local officials, rather than ensure voters’ access to the ballot, they say. A test drive of the strategy in the Virginia governor’s race last year highlighted how quickly the work — when conducted by people convinced of falsehoods about fraud — can disrupt the process and spiral into bogus claims, even in a race Republicans won.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

**2022: Cleta Mitchell Told Steve Bannon That EIN’s Objective For Training Poll Watchers Was “2020 – Never Again. That’s Our Goal.”** “The organization has held training sessions for activists across the country, recruiting volunteers to serve as poll workers and election monitors, often in connection with both national conservative organizations and Republican Party committees. ‘The best thing I could do,’ Mitchell said, ‘was try to channel that energy in positive and productive ways.’ Much of the group’s guidance is conventional poll-monitoring instruction, of the sort that both parties’ partisans have offered for years. But mixed in are more unusual tactics: suggesting that volunteers check the accuracy of voter rolls themselves, for instance, and research local election officials to determine whether they are ‘friend or foe.’ She has appeared often on the former Trump adviser Stephen K. Bannon’s ‘War Room’ podcast, which aggressively promoted the Stop the Steal rallies leading up to Jan. 6 and has since become a sort of signal relay post for activism around the 2020 election. On a June episode of ‘War Room,’ Mitchell told Bannon, ‘2020 — never again,’ adding, ‘That’s our goal.’” [New York Times, [7/19/22](#)]

## TIES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

**Cleta Mitchell Claims That EIN Is A “Nonpartisan, Educational, Charitable Organization” That Does Not Endorse Candidates Or Political Parties.** “As an IRS-recognized charity, CPI is exempt from certain federal, state and local taxes. That status also gives CPI’s donors the lucrative benefit of deducting their contributions at tax time. But, as Mitchell herself has noted, those benefits come with some strings attached by federal law. ‘We are a nonpartisan, educational, charitable organization,’ Mitchell told the audience for a CPI ‘Election Integrity Summit’ in March. ‘We don’t endorse candidates. We don’t endorse political parties.’

Mitchell's comment that day about CPI remaining nonpartisan was conspicuous given the event's programming, which involved a collaboration between CPI, the Republican National Committee and other conservative groups.” [NPR, [8/31/22](#)]

**2022: EIN Retweeted Republican Campaign Material In Apparent Violation Of The Law.** “The account for CPI's Election Integrity Network has retweeted the campaign accounts of U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., as well as Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for Arizona governor. [...] ‘That's no different than CPI handing out copies of the campaign's campaign literature,’ said Lloyd Hitoshi Mayer, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame. ‘That violates the prohibition on campaign intervention.’ The Election Integrity Network also tweeted an article that criticized the campaign of Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney ahead of her primary election, which she ultimately lost to a Republican rival.” [NPR, [8/31/22](#)]

**2022: RNC Staff Were Involved In Election Integrity Network Events.** “The Republican National Committee’s involvement is part of a return to widespread election-work organizing. For nearly 30 years, the committee was limited in some operations by a consent decree after Democrats accused party officials in New Jersey of hiring off-duty police officers and posting signs intended to scare Black and Latino people away from voting. The committee was freed of restrictions in 2018. This year, its multimillion-dollar investment includes hiring 18 state ‘election integrity’ directors and 19 state ‘election integrity’ lawyers. The party has so far recruited more than 5,000 poll watchers and nearly 12,000 poll workers, according to the committee. These efforts are separate from the Election Integrity Network, said Emma Vaughn, an R.N.C. spokeswoman. But in multiple states, the R.N.C. election integrity directors have been involved in Ms. Mitchell’s events. Ms. Vaughn acknowledged that party officials participate in events hosted by other groups to recruit poll workers and poll watchers. [...] The R.N.C. sent both its national and state election integrity directors to Ms. Mitchell’s training near Harrisburg. The state director, Andrea Raffle, had worked alongside Ms. Mitchell for months on the event, one of the speakers told the attendees.” [New York Times, [5/30/22](#)]

**2022: RNC Election Integrity Director Josh Findlay Spoke Relied On The Election Integrity Network For Staff And “Muscle” And Spoke At Numerous EIN Events.** “The Republican National Committee has been relying on a stable of the party’s most prolific spreaders of false stolen-election theories to pilot a sweeping ‘election integrity’ operation to recruit and coach thousands of poll workers in eight battleground states, according to new recordings of organizing summits held this spring in Florida and Pennsylvania obtained by POLITICO. On the tapes, RNC National Election Integrity Director Josh Findlay repeatedly characterizes the committee’s role as supporting in-state coalitions — delivering staff, organization and ‘muscle’ in key states to the person they identify as the quarterback of the effort to create a permanent workforce: Conservative elections attorney Cleta Mitchell, who was a central figure in former President Donald Trump’s legal strategy to overturn the 2020 election. [...] Publicly, the RNC has insisted its goal is to ensure there are enough trained poll workers to protect the electoral process and ensure partisan parity at polling centers. The recordings, however, indicated that the RNC is relying heavily on people who have spread false or unproven claims of irregularities and conspiracies. The recordings feature Findlay speaking at a number of Mitchell’s ‘Election Integrity Network’ summits, which her group has hosted in battleground states including Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. The RNC is just ‘part of the team,’ he told a Florida summit the same month.” [Politico, [8/2/22](#)]

- **Findlay: “Cleta Mitchell, She's Like The Best Election And Election Law Expert Out Here. We're Not Going To Tell Her What To Do.”** “Findlay has addressed multiple CPI summits, where he characterizes the RNC's election integrity efforts as focused on supporting CPI, helping with organization and staffing, and deferring to Cleta Mitchell—which is notable, given Mitchell’s role in pushing the big lie and in seeking to overturn the 2020 election. At CPI’s Florida summit, Findlay described how the RNC engaged in the 2021 Virginia elections by taking its lead from Cleta Mitchell and others in the CPI-led coalition. [...] At CPI’s Pennsylvania summit, Findlay similarly described how the RNC supported the CPI-led Virginia coalition by helping to organize poll watcher shifts: ‘Cleta Mitchell, she's like the best election and election law expert out here. We're not going to tell her what to do.’” [Documented, [8/2/22](#)]

## TARGETING ELECTION OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATURES

**2023: EIN Began Targeting State Legislatures To Lobby For Restrictions On Voting Rights.** “Election Integrity Network coalitions have remained active since the 2022 election, and are now focusing on state legislatures, Secretaries of State, and local election offices. State activists involved in these coalitions are driving phone calls to state legislative offices, organizing state lobby days, generating op-eds, and mobilizing key Republican allies and influencers. Activists are also scrutinizing local election offices and blanketing them with records requests, leading to an atmosphere of hostility that drives dedicated election workers out of public service. Rarely, if ever, do these activists disclose that they are mobilizing as part of a national effort. Nationally, the Election Integrity Network is also playing a key convening role, connecting state activists with groups like Foundation for Government Accountability, Honest Elections Project, ALEC Action, and Election Transparency Initiative. State activists are encouraged to connect with these national groups for model bill language, talking points and messaging, expert witnesses and testimony, and other outside support. Although the political dynamics and legislative priorities differ in each state, Election Integrity Network coalitions are broadly focused on thwarting bipartisan efforts to advance ranked choice voting, and are supporting partisan efforts to limit mail-in voting and eliminate ballot drop boxes. In states like North Carolina and Florida, Election Integrity Network coalitions are also advocating for changes to election laws that would empower conspiracy-minded activists to challenge voter registrations, and that would make it easier to harass election officials and confront voters at the polls.” [Documented, [5/8/23](#)]

**2022: EIN Executive Director Marshall Yates Pointed To Election Workers Being Fired As A Sign Of The Group’s Success.** “CPI has pointed to election worker resignations as a sign of success. At CPI’s October 2022 summit in New Mexico, Election Integrity Network’s Marshall Yates celebrated that ‘we’ve had numbers of [election officials] fired across the country,’ emphasizing ‘that’s what we can do when we have these bad local election officials.’” [Documented, [8/2/22](#)]

- **Yates Bragged About Hounding The Fairfax County Election Registrar From Office With Relentless Harassment.** “The CPI-led coalition in Virginia claims to have trained 4,500 poll watchers and election workers and organized 18 local task forces, and to have covered 85% of polling locations on Election Day 2021 and in the 45 days of early voting that led up to it. At CPI summits, Cleta Mitchell and other CPI officials hold up Virginia, and Fairfax County in particular, as a model for coalitions in other states. But as the New York Times reported: ‘In Fairfax, a Democratic bastion outside Washington, about three dozen activists associated with the coalition and the local Republican Party rotated through election offices, combing through voter registration applications, undeliverable mail and other materials. Christine Brim, the task force’s leader, appeared in person or emailed staff nearly every day, according to Scott Konopasek, the registrar at the time. The operation ate up county workers’ time with dozens of information requests, as well as informal interrogations, Mr. Konopasek said. ‘Everything they saw that they didn’t understand was fraud in their minds and that’s how they would frame the questions,’ he said. ‘It was always accusatory.’” The Fairfax County election registrar resigned in large part because coalition members were making his job so difficult, according to the New York Times. At the October 2022 summit in New Mexico, Election Integrity Network’s Yates celebrated the fact that ‘Fairfax County ran their registrar out,’ commenting that ‘these coalitions don’t stop’ when they think they have ‘a bad local election official.’” [Documented, [8/2/22](#)]

## ATTACKS ON THE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC) AND SUPPORT FOR EAGLEAI

**2023: EIN Organized Trainings For Activists On EagleAI NETWORK, A Database For Generating Mass Voter Challenges.** “After years of claiming that American elections are rife with fraud, conservative election activists are preparing a new tool to take matters into their own hands. Activists are currently testing a computer program called EagleAI NETWORK, a database loaded with voter rolls and other records that promises to quickly

churn through the data and find registrations that may be suspect based on other sources. The activists then personally evaluate the flagged voter registrations one by one — looking up home addresses on Google Maps, searching for obituaries online — and prepare lists of questionable registrations to report to local officials. It's the latest in a growing trend of voter fraud vigilantism, as activists seek to insert themselves into routine election administration processes looking to uncover problems and find proof of voter fraud. And while a handful of individuals in Georgia and Texas have taken in recent years to filing mass voter challenges, EagleAI could turn that steady stream into a nationwide flood. For several months, activists around the country, organized in part by influential Trump ally Cleta Mitchell and the Election Integrity Network she founded, have been learning to use the program in Zoom trainings and organizing into state-specific teams in preparation for its launch, according to recordings of software demonstrations and activist meetings seen by NBC News. Some Georgia users began testing the software this summer, the meetings reveal, while Florida, North Carolina, Nevada and Texas are slated to follow.” [NBC, [8/17/23](#)]

- **EagleAI Is Pitched As An Alternative To The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).** “EagleAI, pronounced “eagle eye,” is being pitched as an alternative to the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a bipartisan, interstate partnership that helps states share data to keep their voter rolls up-to-date and was recently targeted by election conspiracy theories. And while EagleAI has been shopped around to at least a handful of county and state election officials, according to interviews and public records requests, it has so far found more fertile ground among activists.” [NBC, [8/17/23](#)]
- **Cleta Mitchell Is Deeply Involved In The Development And Promotion Of EagleAI, Which She Boats That The “Left” Will “Hate.”** “‘The left will hate this. They will hate it. But we love it,’ Mitchell said during a March demonstration of EagleAI, which was hosted by the North Carolina Election Integrity Team (NCEIT), a state group that works with her national coalition, the Election Integrity Network. In the following months, she has appeared to be progressively more engaged in the program, as more activists got involved. In late April, Jim Womack, a Mitchell ally who runs NCEIT, told activists in a meeting that Mitchell was working with Richards directly on the program's national rollout plan. By the end of the month, a law firm Mitchell is a beneficial owner in, Compass Legal Group, told the IRS they were representing Valid Vote, a 501(c)3 group established to support EagleAI. By the summer, she was guiding activists on their efforts to connect with election officials and prepare for the program’s launch. In one meeting, a recording of which was viewed by NBC News, she remarked to Richards that he should move Nevada up the list for a quicker launch.” [NBC, [8/17/23](#)]

**Cleta Mitchell Was Key To Efforts To Discredit And Dismantle The Bipartisan Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).** “On a voting podcast called ‘Who's Counting,’ ERIC has become a frequent villain. ‘ERIC is a very insidious organization,’ said the host, Cleta Mitchell, in one episode from last summer. Mitchell is an influential Republican election attorney who was at the center of Trump's failed attempts to overturn the 2020 election. She was on the infamous phone call in early 2021 when Trump asked Georgia election officials to ‘find’ votes. And she's spent the time since building an election denial infrastructure. Her podcast has become a central hub for stolen election narratives, and she's also started a coalition of grassroots groups across the country called the Election Integrity Network. These groups host trainings and meetings, aimed at helping local folks “unrig” the elections in their communities. NPR's investigation found Mitchell and these sorts of groups to be central in the effort to discredit and dismantle ERIC.” [NPR, [6/4/23](#)]

- **2022: Mitchell Hosted A “Secret ERIC Summit” With Right Wing Lawmakers And Conspiracy Theorists.** “But on June 17 of last year, Mitchell convened a secret ERIC summit with red-state lawmakers at the Conservative Partnership Institute, where Mitchell is senior legal fellow. There, [conspiracy theorist Heather] Honey presented a 29-page report she put together calling ERIC a ‘threat to election integrity.’ Secretaries of state from the first five states to withdraw from ERIC attended the four-hour event, according

to an email sent to North Carolina state lawmakers by the head of a local election integrity group who says he attended the meeting.” [NPR, [6/4/23](#)]

- **ERIC Is “The Only System That Can Catch If Someone Votes In More Than One State.”** “ERIC is currently the only system that can catch if someone votes in more than one state, which is illegal. And election officials widely agree it helps to identify dead people on voting lists.” [NPR, [6/4/23](#)]

## OPPOSITION TO VOTING RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

**2022: Cleta Mitchell Attacked Democrats For Registering Minority And Low Income Voters.** “While training sessions previously published by POLITICO show Republican recruits overwhelmingly concerned about election fraud, Mitchell’s remarks in Arizona focused primarily on what many Democrats have long insisted is the real motive behind the entire GOP effort: targeting certain groups. She made extended remarks about Democrats’ goal, since former Rev. Jesse Jackson’s ‘Rainbow Push’ coalition of the 1980s, to register more people in minority communities to vote and create a new American majority of young people, people of color and unmarried women. ‘There was a book ‘Brown Is the New White’ talking about changing demographics in America was going to render conservatives obsolete,’ she said. ‘That is their goal,’ she said of Democrats and outside groups aligned with them like unions. ‘They believe you can expand access to democracy by underrepresented populations.’ Mitchell said they ‘target the most vulnerable people of our society,’ citing the story of an allegedly elderly woman with dementia who allegedly obtained a voter registration form at a health clinic. ‘You see it all over,’ she said, as she decried the availability of information on voter registration at public venues like health clinics and universities. ‘We see people who are in need, who are hurting, who need help,’ she said, referring to elderly, disabled, low-income Americans and students in need of financial aid receiving ‘education’ on how to vote from outside groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and the availability of voter registration information on government websites or venues serving the needy.” [Politico, [8/2/22](#)]

- **Mitchell Accused Joe Biden And “Left Wing” Groups Of Conspiring To “Register And Turn Out The Vote Of The Most Vulnerable People In Our Society And Pressure Them To Vote For Democrats.”** “In her response to POLITICO, Mitchell said: “I showed the attendees the language taken from left-wing sources,” adding that President Joe Biden and ‘left-wing’ groups are conspiring to use federal resources to ‘register and turn out the vote of the most vulnerable people in our society and pressure them to vote for Democrats.’ ‘That sort of enterprise should be paid for by candidates or political parties,’ Mitchell said, without offering evidence any agency is pressuring individuals to vote for a particular party by providing them with registration materials.” [Politico, [8/2/22](#)]

**2022: Mitchell: “We Don’t Live In A Democracy.”** “In the tapes, Mitchell also disparaged the Democrats’ recent warnings about threats to democracy. ‘They bring democracy to your doorstep. I wanna pause right here. We don’t live in a democracy,’ Mitchell said, to a round of applause from the crowd. ‘But to the left, everything is about democracy, the democracy fund, the democracy this, the democracy that.’ ‘We live in a constitutional republic,’ she said.” [Politico, [8/2/22](#)]

**2023: Mitchell Gave A Presentation To The Republican Donors On Restricting Voting On College Campuses.** “A top Republican legal strategist told a roomful of GOP donors over the weekend that conservatives must band together to limit voting on college campuses, same-day voter registration and automatic mailing of ballots to registered voters, according to a copy of her presentation reviewed by The Washington Post. Cleta Mitchell, a longtime GOP lawyer and fundraiser who worked closely with former president Donald Trump to try to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, gave the presentation at a Republican National Committee donor retreat in Nashville on Saturday. The presentation — which had more than 50 slides and was labeled ‘A Level Playing Field for 2024’ — offered a window into a strategy that seems designed to reduce voter access and turnout among certain groups, including students and those who vote by

mail, both of which tend to skew Democratic. [...] ‘What are these college campus locations?’ she asked, according to the audio. ‘What is this young people effort that they do? They basically put the polling place next to the student dorm so they just have to roll out of bed, vote, and go back to bed.’” [Washington Post, [4/20/23](#)]

**2021: Mitchell Said She Remained In “Fairly Frequent” Contact With Donald Trump And Republican State Legislatures About New Initiatives To Restrict Voting Rights.** “And Mitchell said she’s been talking regularly with Republican state lawmakers about the need for new election laws. She would not identify whom she speaks with but said it’s been a longtime passion. ‘I’ve been working with state legislatures for several years to get them to pay attention to what I call the political process,’ Mitchell said. ‘I love legislatures and working with legislators.’ She similarly would not detail her conversations with Trump or say whether they involved the new voting fights. ‘I’m in touch with the president fairly frequently,’ she said of Trump.” [Associated Press, [3/28/21](#)]

**2021: Mitchell’s First Task After Joining CPI Was To Work To Defeat The For The People Act, Which Would Have Expanded Voting Rights Nationally.** “The influential Conservative Partnership Institute today laid out plans to tackle decades of election irregularities and the Democrat’s new national election proposal, H.R. 1, naming noted attorney Cleta Mitchell to lead its Election Integrity Coalition. Mitchell, who helped advise former President Donald Trump during his fight over the election results in several states, including Georgia, will focus on legal training and support for conservatives and coordinate challenges to schemes to liberalize elections. ‘My role with CPI is to help bring all these strings together and to keep the multiple tracks that we need to deal with. And my role with them is to try to help support the efforts of others, figure out what’s missing, what people are doing, talking to each other,’ she told Secrets. ‘I’ve had my finger in so many different pieces of the election integrity pie for so long,’” she said shortly after organizing a call with 20 organizations focused on the issue.” [Washington Times, [3/16/21](#)]