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Case Reference Sheet

The scope of congressional investigative authority and what constitutes a “legitimate legislative purpose”

- [Trump v. Mazars LLP](#), [Trump v. Deutsche Bank AG](#) (+[Appeal](#)), [Committee on Ways & Means v. Treasury](#)

The executive’s authority to assert executive privilege or absolute immunity in response to congressional subpoenas

- [Committee on the Judiciary v. McGahn](#), [Kupperman v. House of Representatives](#), [Committee on Oversight and Reform v. Barr & Ross](#)

Congressional standing to sue for enforcement of subpoenas or other purposes

- [Committee on the Judiciary v. McGahn](#), [Committee on Ways & Means v. Treasury](#), [Blumenthal v. Trump](#), [Committee on Oversight and Reform v. Barr](#)

Judicial authority to interfere with congressional subpoenas

- [Trump v. Mazars LLP](#), [Trump v. Deutsche Bank AG](#), [Trump v. Committee on Ways & Means](#)

Miscellaneous

- [In re Application of the Committee on the Judiciary](#) (authority of Congress to obtain grand jury materials for impeachment proceedings)
- [Trump v. Vance](#) (whether President is immune from any criminal investigation while in office)
- Emoluments cases ([District of Columbia v. Trump](#), [CREW v. Trump](#), [Blumenthal v. Trump](#))

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