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Closing Arguments

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Facing an election year and global instability, President Joe Biden used [commemorations of D-Day's 80th anniversary](#) this week to call for unity and promote the United States' role in defending democracy.

Reporter [Lily Radziemski](#) covered [the ceremonies in Normandy and Paris](#), where dozens of world leaders honored “[the boys of Pointe du Hoc](#)” and thousands of others who died during the landings and ensuing battles.

In speeches, Biden circled back again and again to the United States' responsibility, homing in on the war in Ukraine, where reporter [Molly Quell](#) covered the beleaguered nation's [attempts to investigate war crimes](#) during an ongoing conflict and [environmental](#) legal [fights](#).

“Does anyone doubt that they would want America to stand up against Putin’s aggression today?” the president asked, referring to U.S. forces who fought in World War II.

Biden was looking to shore up support in his fall rematch with [former President Donald Trump](#), fresh off a [historic felony conviction](#). Allies in the EU face [high-stakes elections](#) much sooner — June 6-9 — as [the far right surges across the bloc](#), reporter [Cain Burdeau](#) writes.

But as both sides of the Atlantic grapple with today’s politics, Radziemski found White House staff and Parisians alike moved by the historical ceremonies.

The White House press team squealed with delight when centenarian veterans covered in lap blankets were wheeled onto the stage.

Meanwhile, Jackie Gregoire, working in a tobacco café in Paris’ 17th arrondissement, practically

swooned over the D-Day events she had been watching on TV.

“I don’t think we could thank everyone for what they did if we had an eternity,” she told Courthouse News.

— *Audrey Rodeman*

Here's what else happened in court this week:



Hunter Biden [confronted](#) three firearm-related felony charges, becoming the first child of a sitting president to [face a criminal trial](#). Government witnesses included his [former flames](#), and his [daughter testified](#) in his defense. [[Jackson Healy](#)]

» New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez's federal bribery trial [continued](#) as he and [his wife](#) stand accused of taking \$600,000 in gold bars, cash and gifts from a businessman with ties to Egypt and Qatar in exchange for [favors](#). [[Josh Russell](#)]

» The [NFL is on trial](#) in a \$21 billion [antitrust class action](#) over its Sunday Ticket [package](#). Meanwhile, a former Broncos linebacker [sued the league](#) anew, challenging fines for prescribed synthetic cannabis. [[Edvard Pettersson](#) / [Amanda Pampuro](#)]

» Google must face class action claims that it [collected and recorded](#) private information from people who used tax filing websites like H&R Block in violation of wiretapping laws. [[Natalie Hanson](#)]



A Scottish woman claiming to be the real-life inspiration for the disturbed stalker Martha on Netflix's hit show "Baby Reindeer" [sued the streaming service](#) seeking at least \$170 million. [[Hillel Aron](#)]

Top 8: This week's most-read stories

1. [Trump's biggest supporters will still vote for him after conviction, but experts say they're not enough](#)
2. [Pair of lawyers on jury of '12 everyday New Yorkers' helped convict Trump](#)
3. [Judge tosses lawsuit over LA mayor's emergency declaration on homelessness](#)
4. [Federal appeals court hears challenge to Thirteenth Amendment prohibitions on racial discrimination](#)

5. Pledge to block Biden nominations could prove thorny for Dems, but remains bitter pill for some Republicans
6. Fourth Circuit mostly sides with officers on pepper-sprayed Army lieutenant's excessive force appeal
7. NFL goes on trial in \$21 billion antitrust class action over Sunday Ticket package
8. Judge sides with arcade gamer in dispute over terms of settlement with Twin Galaxies



In a split ruling, a conservative group [won its 11th Circuit appeal](#) over a grant program for Black women in business that it calls discriminatory. [[Megan Butler](#)]

» A white man who tried to run a Black man off a Florida road and yelled racial slurs at him [asked](#) the 11th Circuit to vacate his conviction in a 13th Amendment challenge. [[Megan Butler](#)]

» The Department of Justice [charged](#) the finance chief of far-right newspaper The Epoch Times for a massive money laundering scheme in an indictment unsealed Monday in Manhattan federal court. [[Erik Uebelacker](#)]

» A federal bankruptcy judge [declined](#) to immediately shut down and liquidate Free Speech Systems, the parent company of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones' InfoWars. [[Cameron Thompson](#)]

New rulings on our radar

» **Northern District of Illinois:** The heirs of a German Jewish art collector persecuted by the Nazis [can't seek the return](#) of one of Vincent Van Gogh's famous "Sunflower" paintings valued at \$250 million.

» **Northern District of Illinois:** OnlyFans [beat a privacy class action](#) over the collection of creators' biometric data via the site's age verification process.

» **Western District of North Carolina:** The FTC [lost a bid](#) to keep a medical system from acquiring a general hospital and a psychiatric hospital.



In the past few years, there's been an explosion of nationwide injunctions coming from single-judge divisions in the federal court system. These judges were handpicked by the people filing these lawsuits.

From Sidebar's [Kelsey Reichmann](#) and [Kirk McDaniel](#), let's go "[Shopping for the Perfect Court.](#)"

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