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## Attorneys Lichtman, Fernich Agree To Represent Conservative Media Critic

The attorneys are set to back efforts to claw back electronics seized from him last November as part of a federal investigation into how the conservative group acquired Ashley Biden's diary.

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Conservative media critic James O'Keefe has retained attorneys Jeffrey Lichtman and Marc Fernich to represent him in continued efforts to claw back electronics seized from him last November as part of a federal investigation into how his group, Project Veritas, acquired Ashley Biden's diary.

Ashley Biden is the daughter of President Joe Biden.

"We see no evidence that James committed any crime here," Lichtman and Fernich said in a statement. "This appears to be nothing short of a partisan attack on the free press."

Federal agents seized two mobile phones belonging to O'Keefe, in addition to electronic devices belonging to two other ex-Project Veritas members, as part of an investigation into how the conservative group obtained Biden's diary.

Ashley Biden is represented by Roberta Kaplan and Michael Ferrara of Kaplan, Hecker & Fink.

O'Keefe and Project Veritas first moved for the return of the seized electronics and data in March. Federal prosecutors have opposed their return, saying the devices contain data responsive to their search warrants.

Lichtman and Fernich have a long record of working with high-profile defendants. In 2005, they were part of the team that won the acquittal of John "Junior" Gotti on securities fraud charges.

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