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Judge Dismisses New York State Charges Against Paul Manafort

New York, NY, December 18, 2019, A New York State judge has dismissed charges against Paul Manafort, ruling that the law of double jeopardy in the state provides “very narrow exceptions,” none of which applies to New York’s prosecution of Mr. Manafort.

A Cadwalader team representing Mr. Manafort – led by white collar defense and investigations partner Todd Blanche, assisted by special counsel Jared Stanisci and associates Matthew Karlan and Hyungjoo Han – had argued that the NY state charges should be dismissed because they involve some of the same allegations as federal cases that have landed Mr. Manafort behind bars. Judge Maxwell Wiley adopted many of the Cadwalader team’s arguments and ruled today that state law precludes prosecution.

“We have said since the day this indictment was made public that it was politically motivated and violated New York’s statutory double jeopardy law,” Blanche said in a statement. “We thank Judge Wiley for his careful consideration of our motion and his thoughtful opinion dismissing the charges against Mr. Manafort. This indictment should never have been brought, and today’s decision is a stark reminder that the law and justice should always prevail over politically-motivated actions.”

Mr. Manafort was convicted in two federal cases and is serving a 7½-year prison sentence.

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