

CASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain  
CASE NUMBER: 22 CR 115  
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and  
Michael J. Zalewski  
DATE: November 30, 2018  
TIME: 2:15 p.m.  
TARGET PHONE: (217) 257-6280  
SESSION NUMBER: 17395

SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain  
ZALEWSKI = Michael J. Zalewski

(CLIP 1 BEGIN)

1 ZALEWSKI: Hello?  
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3 McCLAIN: Hey, Z, Mike McClain.  
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5 ZALEWSKI: Hey, Mike. How you doing?  
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7 McCLAIN: Good, how are you?  
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9 ZALEWSKI: I'm good. I need your advice, intel on something, if  
10 you have a minute.  
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12 McCLAIN: Um, sure.  
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14 ZALEWSKI: I, I've been struggling with Jessica in her new role,  
15 Mike.  
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17 McCLAIN: (Laughs.)  
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19 ZALEWSKI: (Laughs.) (Unintelligible.) I dunno, I dunno know if  
20 that's a good sign or a bad sign that you're laughing,  
21 but, uh, um, you know, the, it, it's, it's a, it's a  
22 bill in particular that I won't get in, bore you with,  
23 but on any number of issues, she's, she's struggled  
24 to either loop me in or not consult with me on some  
25 things that, in ordinary times, I would think I would  
26 be. So my question for you is, if you think I'm back  
27 in the penalty box for something? I don't know what  
28 it would be, but if I am, or b, if I should raise it  
29 with the Speaker because, it's only gonna get worse  
30 in, in January if I don't say something.  
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32 McCLAIN: Have you, have you raised it with, uh, her?  
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34 ZALEWSKI: No, I.

(CLIP 1 END)

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39 (CLIP 2 BEGIN)  
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41 McCLAIN: I, I think you gotta, uh, approach her, because  
42 otherwise what'll happen is she'll do one thing  
43 that'll make you blow up—  
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45 ZALEWSKI: Yeah.  
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47 McCLAIN: —and then you'll walk into the Speaker's office and  
48 he'll, when you leave, the Speaker's gonna say to  
49 himself, "Where in the hell did that come from?"  
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51 ZALEWSKI: Yeah. Right, right, right. Okay. Um, this is helpful,  
52 Mike. I don't mean to bug you with this stuff, but—  
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54 McCLAIN: You're not, you're not, you're not, you're not.  
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56 ZALEWSKI: Okay.  
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58 (CLIP 2 END)  
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61 (CLIP 3 BEGIN)  
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63 ZALEWSKI: I will tell you, um, I (unintelligible) to the  
64 Speaker, I asked, um, him to think about, um, Carrie  
65 to go to the Illinois Commerce Commission.  
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67 McCLAIN: Oh, okay.  
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69 ZALEWSKI: Um, she's a little, she's getting a little stale with  
70 her job right now. Um, she doesn't, it doesn't mean  
71 she doesn't love it. She loves it a lot, but, but,  
72 he, Pritzker gets two picks in January, and the pay  
73 is the same. So, he wouldn't get a, a story for  
74 bumping her pay. He-  
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76 McCLAIN: Right.  
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78 ZALEWSKI: -he could say that she gets the same amount of money.  
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80 McCLAIN: Mhmm.  
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82 ZALEWSKI: Um, and it's a good job. It's, that's a good job.  
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84 McCLAIN: Yeah.  
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86 ZALEWSKI: I mean, her job now is a good job, but that's a good  
87 job.  
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89 McCLAIN: Yep. Yep.  
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91 ZALEWSKI: So he, he, he's probably got a lot on his plate. He  
92 hasn't reached out yet, but I put it a bug in his  
93 ear.  
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95 McCLAIN: Yep. Good. So why, in the meantime, why don't you  
96 write him a note.  
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98 ZALEWSKI: Okay.  
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100 McCLAIN: And say that you know, that, you know, probably a lot  
101 of people are asking for leadership spots and you're  
102 willing to do anything he wants you to do, but, um,  
103 if, uh, you would, you'd prefer staying with Revenue.  
104 But if, but if he wants you to be in leadership,  
105 you'll take it, but you'd rather stay as Chairman of  
106 Revenue.  
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108 ZALEWSKI: Okay. I'll do that. I'll do that, uh, as soon as I  
109 can.  
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111 McCLAIN: Okay.  
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113 ZALEWSKI: Alright, Mike, you're always kind to me. Thank you  
114 very much.  
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116 McCLAIN: Alright, sir. I'll see you soon.

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118 ZALEWSKI: Okay. Bye, bye.  
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120 McCLAIN: Thanks, Michael. Bye.  
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122 (CLIP 3 BEGIN)  
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