

Congress of the United States

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Dear Mr. Solomon:

I am writing to request information regarding shocking new reports that you have asked Goldman Sachs Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel Kathryn Ruemmler, who announced her resignation in February following mounting public scrutiny of her close personal and professional relationship with convicted sex criminal Jeffrey Epstein, to remain at the bank as an “adviser.”¹ In January, the Department of Justice released more than 10,000 documents mentioning Ruemmler,² including messages that appear to show her advising Jeffrey Epstein on legal and press strategies, accepting lavish gifts, and discussing personal matters.³ These documents suggested that Ruemmler maintained a far more extensive relationship with Epstein than she previously publicly acknowledged. The information uncovered in recent months not only raises serious questions as to whether Goldman Sachs either failed to conduct proper due diligence or viewed Ruemmler’s relationship with Epstein as appropriate when appointing her as the firm’s top lawyer, but now calls into question your professional judgement and fitness to continue leading one of the largest banks in the United States.

In recent months, you have repeatedly pledged your support for Ruemmler, calling her “a tremendous human being” who had served as an “extraordinary general counsel.”⁴ While Ruemmler announced her intention to resign from the firm effective June 30, 2026, Bloomberg reported [last week] that you “pressed” Ruemmler “to remain [at the firm] and she’s agreed to stay on as an adviser.”⁵

¹ Bloomberg, “Goldman CEO Asks Top Lawyer to Stay at Firm After Epstein Furor,” Sridhar Natarajan and Todd Gillespie, June 5, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-06-05/goldman-ceo-asks-top-lawyer-to-stay-at-firm-after-epstein-furor>.

² The New York Times, “Goldman’s Top Lawyer Departs Amid Revelations About Her Ties to Epstein,” Rob Copeland, Maureen Farrell, Lauren Hirsch, et al., February 12, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/12/business/goldman-lawyer-kathryn-ruemmler-resigns.html>.

³ Reuters, “Goldman Sachs’ top lawyer accepted gifts from ‘Uncle Jeffrey’ Epstein, documents show,” Arasu Kannagi Basil and Saeed Azhar, February 3, 2026, <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/goldman-sachs-top-lawyer-accepted-gifts-uncle-jeffrey-epstein-documents-show-2026-02-03/>; Bloomberg, “Goldman Defense of Lawyer’s Epstein Ties Provokes Unease at Bank,” Todd Gillespie and Max Abelson, February 3, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-02-03/goldman-defense-of-lawyer-s-epstein-ties-provokes-unease-at-bank>.

⁴ Reuters, “Goldman Sachs CEO tells CNBC he reluctantly accepted lawyer Ruemmler’s resignation,” Saeed Azhar and Anna Peverieri, February 13, 2023, <https://www.reuters.com/business/goldman-sachs-ceo-says-he-reluctantly-accepted-lawyer-ruemmlers-resignation-cnbc-2026-02-13/>; CNBC, “Epstein files: Goldman Sachs top lawyer Kathryn Ruemmler to step down after email fallout,” Dan Mangan, February 12, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/02/12/epstein-files-goldman-sachs-kathy-ruemmler.html>.

⁵ Bloomberg, “Goldman CEO Asks Top Lawyer to Stay at Firm After Epstein Furor,” Sridhar Natarajan and Todd Gillespie, June 5, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-06-05/goldman-ceo-asks-top-lawyer-to-stay-at-firm-after-epstein-furor>.

On January 30, 2026, the DOJ released a slew of documents, images, communications, and other materials related to the investigation and prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.⁶ According to reports, the documents reveal that Ruemmler and Epstein were in frequent contact between 2014 and 2019,⁷ just one year prior to her joining Goldman and long after Epstein's conviction for soliciting a child for sex in 2008.⁸ Ruemmler has since stated she "had no knowledge of any ongoing criminal conduct on his part" and did not know him "as the monster he has been revealed to be."⁹ According to reports, however, Ruemmler "educated him on how the law differentiates between underage victims of sex crimes and adult prostitutes. 'I think the point is that if she was underage, she could not legally consent to engaging in prostitution,'" Ruemmler wrote to Mr. Epstein in 2015.¹⁰ She also reportedly "offered advice on how to knock down the credibility of one of his accusers, writing in one email that Mr. Epstein's lawyer could push the woman into a 'perjury trap.'"¹¹ In one exchange, Ruemmler appeared to joke about exchanging one of Epstein's "Russians" for a more favorable compensation package following a job interview.¹² Epstein "appear[ed] to have had dealings with Russian models in the years before he was rearrested by US authorities in 2019."¹³

For years, Ruemmler and Goldman Sachs maintained that her relationship with Epstein was strictly professional, given her work as a private white-collar defense attorney prior to joining Goldman.¹⁴ But the DOJ's trove of documents and subsequent reporting suggest that Ruemmler and Epstein had a more personal relationship. Ruemmler reportedly accepted tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from Epstein. These gifts are reported to have included \$9,350 Hermes

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⁶ U.S. Department of Justice, "Department of Justice Publishes 3.5 Million Responsive Pages in Compliance with the Epstein Files Transparency Act," press release, January 30, 2026, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-publishes-35-million-responsive-pages-compliance-epstein-files>.

⁷ BBC, "Top Goldman Sachs lawyer who called Epstein 'Uncle Jeffrey' resigns," Max Matza, February 13, 2026, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy571501v2yo>.

⁸ Reuters, "What did the Epstein files reveal about his ties to politicians and business titans?" Andy Sullivan, February 26, 2026, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/jeffrey-epsteins-ties-politicians-business-titans-other-figures-2026-02-18/>.

⁹ BBC, "Top Goldman Sachs lawyer who called Epstein 'Uncle Jeffrey' resigns," Max Matza, February 13, 2026, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy571501v2yo>.

¹⁰ The New York Times, "Goldman's Top Lawyer Departs Amid Revelations About Her Ties to Epstein," Rob Copeland, Maureen Farrell, Lauren Hirsch et al., February 12, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/12/business/goldman-lawyer-kathryn-ruemmler-resigns.html>.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Financial Times, "Top Goldman lawyer referenced Jeffrey Epstein's 'Russians' in email," Joshua Franklin and Amelia Pollard, February 4, 2026, <https://www.ft.com/content/a07bb45d-512f-4694-9ce1-355b78131937>.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ The New York Times, "Goldman's Top Lawyer Departs Amid Revelations About Her Ties to Epstein," Rob Copeland, Maureen Farrell, Lauren Hirsch et al., February 12, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/12/business/goldman-lawyer-kathryn-ruemmler-resigns.html>.

handbag,¹⁵ \$10,000 in Bergdorf Goodman gift cards,¹⁶ a Fendi coat valued at \$4,200,¹⁷ and an Apple Watch.¹⁸ In other correspondence released by the DOJ, Ruemmler affectionately referred to Epstein as “Uncle Jeffrey.”¹⁹ The reported nature of Ruemmler’s relationship with Epstein is alarming, and raises concerns regarding Goldman Sachs’s decision to hire Ruemmler.

Following the DOJ’s document release in January, Goldman Sachs has defended and supported Ruemmler publicly. A Goldman Sachs spokesperson stated that “Kathy was always forthcoming” and that “[s]he disclosed her association with Epstein before joining the firm and she has answered every question the firm has ever asked.”²⁰ The firm has also been extremely generous in its financial support of Ruemmler. It was revealed in March that Ruemmler received an 11 percent raise, bringing her total compensation for 2025 to an astounding \$25 million.²¹ Ruemmler’s company stock options, which are valued at about \$80 million, are expected to vest over the next two years.²² In February, Ruemmler announced her resignation from Goldman Sachs, effective June 30, 2026.²³ At the time, you stated that you “reluctantly” accepted Ruemmler’s resignation.²⁴ While Goldman Sachs has declined to comment on this matter, new reporting suggests that you “pressed” her to reconsider her resignation and instead move to a new position within the firm.²⁵

¹⁵ The Wall Street Journal, “When the FBI Arrested Epstein, He Called Kathryn Ruemmler,” AnnaMaria Andriotis and Ben Glickman, February 2026, https://www.wsj.com/us-news/law/when-the-fbi-arrested-epstein-he-called-kathryn-ruemmler-39f7bf73?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=AWetsqfbkJYMuQyJ6-gu3VMn2NSU8DnNKZef3IO_dKQfPDh1p9RnIAkzRH1eFvdsbyk%3D&gaa_ts=69d5327c&gaa_sig=IXZyd07GkOqq7UyYVdK1o82KXJj4pLOUB8G-vYpWLq-CrJ4SQAbNO1sfncu7YCyn0Lv9I9bm_qwgfdmfnC55WA%3D%3D.

¹⁶ BBC, “Top Goldman Sachs lawyer who called Epstein 'Uncle Jeffrey' resigns,” Max Matza, February 13, 2026, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy571501v2yo>.

¹⁷ Bloomberg, “Goldman’s Top Lawyer Ruemmler to Leave Over Epstein Ties (2),” Todd Gillespie and Ambereen Choudury, February 13, 2026, <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/in-house-counsel/goldman-sachs-lawyer-ruemmler-to-leave-over-epstein-ties>.

¹⁸ BBC, “Top Goldman Sachs lawyer who called Epstein 'Uncle Jeffrey' resigns,” Max Matza, February 13, 2026, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy571501v2yo>.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ Bloomberg, “Goldman Defense of Lawyer’s Epstein Ties Provokes Unease at Bank,” Todd Gillespie and Max Abelson, February 4, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-02-03/goldman-defense-of-lawyer-s-epstein-ties-provokes-unease-at-bank>.

²¹ Bloomberg, “Goldman Hikes Pay for Senior Executives and Departing Top Lawyer,” Todd Gillespie, March 20, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-03-20/goldman-hikes-pay-for-senior-executives-and-departing-top-lawyer>.

²² The New York Times, “Goldman’s Top Lawyer Departs Amid Revelations About Her Ties to Epstein,” Rob Copeland, Maureen Farrell, Lauren Hirsch et al., February 12, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/12/business/goldman-lawyer-kathryn-ruemmler-resigns.html>.

²³ The New York Times, “Goldman’s Top Lawyer Departs Amid Revelations About Her Ties to Epstein,” Rob Copeland, Maureen Farrell, Lauren Hirsch et al., February 12, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/12/business/goldman-lawyer-kathryn-ruemmler-resigns.html>.

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²⁵ Bloomberg, “Goldman CEO Asks Top Lawyer to Stay at Firm After Epstein Furor,” Sridhar Natarajan and Todd Gillespie, June 5, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-06-05/goldman-ceo-asks-top-lawyer-to>

To help me better understand the extent of Goldman Sachs's prior knowledge of Ruemmler's relationship with Epstein, its decision to defend Ruemmler in the wake of the DOJ document releases, and your reported decision to now keep her at the bank, please provide answers to the following questions by June 26, 2026.

1. Please confirm in writing that Ruemmler will depart from the bank on June 30, 2026.
2. If Ruemmler is no longer departing the bank, please provide the reasoning, her new title, duties associated with her new role, and details regarding her compensation package.
3. Did you "press" Ruemmler to stay at the firm?²⁶ If so, why?
4. A Goldman Sachs spokesperson stated that Ruemmler "disclosed her association with Epstein before joining the firm."²⁷
 - a. How did Ruemmler describe the nature of her relationship with Epstein?
 - b. Did Ruemmler disclose that she advised Epstein on how to discredit one of his accusers?
 - c. Did Ruemmler disclose that she accepted tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from Epstein?
 - d. Did Goldman Sachs conduct any additional due diligence following Ruemmler's disclosure?
5. Ruemmler currently chairs the Firmwide Conduct Committee, Co-Vice Chair Firmwide Reputational Risk Committee, and is a member of the Firmwide Enterprise Risk Committee.²⁸ What criteria were evaluated when selecting her for these positions? Did Ruemmler's relationship with Mr. Epstein play a role in the bank's willingness to put Ruemmler in these positions? If she is no longer departing the firm, will she continue to serve in these roles?
6. A Goldman Sachs spokesperson stated that Ruemmler "has answered every question the firm has ever asked." Please provide the list of questions that Goldman Sachs asked Ruemmler about her relationship with Mr. Epstein and her responses.
7. Did Goldman Sachs notify any of its regulators, including, but not limited to, the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and New York Department of Financial Services, of Ruemmler's connections to Epstein prior to hiring her as its top legal officer?

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²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ Bloomberg, "Goldman Defense of Lawyer's Epstein Ties Provokes Unease at Bank," Todd Gillespie and Max Abelson, February 4, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-02-03/goldman-defense-of-lawyer-s-epstein-ties-provokes-unease-at-bank>.

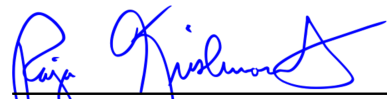
²⁸ Goldman Sachs, "Kathryn Ruemmler," <https://www.goldmansachs.com/our-firm/our-people-and-leadership/leadership/management-committee/kathryn-ruemmler>.

8. Ruemmler initially announced her resignation on February 13, 2026, but it was not going to be effective until June 30, 2026. Had Ruemmler resigned effective immediately in February, would it have limited her compensation package in any way? Additionally, does her staying on as an “advisor” affect her compensation as opposed to her resigning on June 30, as announced? If so, please provide the quantitative impact.

Sincerely,



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