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Washington, January 6 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has sought to cancel a lawsuit lodged by his niece Mary Trump who claims she had been cheated out of her inheritance worth tens of millions of dollars by her uncles and aunt.

The president's lawyers claimed Mary Trump had failed to provide solid evidence that Donald Trump, his sister Maryanne Trump Barry and his late brother Robert Trump had tried to "squeeze" her out of her inheritance.

"Plaintiff makes outlandish and incredulous accusations in her complaint, which is laden with conspiracy theories more befitting a Hollywood screenplay than a pleading in a legal action," the president's lawyers, who also represent Robert Trump's estate, said in a filing on Monday in a New York state court in Manhattan.

Trump's lawyers said Mary Trump's lawsuit's "true purpose" was "to weaken the President's political influence during his post-presidency by preoccupying him with the defense of innumerable lawsuits."

Roberta Kaplan, a lawyer for Mary Trump, said that while her client "is surely no fan of Donald Trump or his administration's policies, [the] intra-family fraud is what this case is about." Meanwhile, Mary Trump, 55, a psychologist, made some of her allegations in her best-selling tell-all: "Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man."

Donald Trump, who lost the 2020 US presidential election to Democratic Joe Biden, faces several other legal actions, as well. The court cases outgoing president faces after January 20 include a criminal probe by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, a civil probe by New York Attorney General Letitia James into whether he inflated asset values to obtain loans and tax benefits, and a defamation lawsuit by the writer E. Jean Carroll, whose allegation of rape he has denied.

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