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President-elect Donald Trump on Saturday nominated Charles Kushner as his pick to be the United States ambassador pick to France. Kushner, who is Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump's father-in-law, is a real

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estate baron who was pardoned by the President-elect in December 2020, during the latter's first term in office.

Like his other appointments, the President-elect announced the nomination of Kushner on his social media platform on Saturday. In the post, he described Kushner as “a tremendous business leader, philanthropist, & dealmaker.”

Why Was Charles Kushner Convicted?

Charles Kushner was convicted after he pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion and making illegal campaign donations. He pleaded guilty to 18 counts, which included tax evasion and witness tampering. He was sentenced to two years in prison in 2005 but received a plea deal. He was eventually pardoned by Donald Trump in December 2020.

What Did Charles Kushner Do?

Prosecutors at Kushner's trial alleged that Kushner tried to blackmail his brother after finding out that his brother-in-law was cooperating with federal authorities in an investigation related to him. Kushner hatched a plan for revenge and intimidation by hiring a prostitute and arranging an encounter at a hotel in New Jersey where a hidden camera and a recording set were kept. She then sent

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the recording to the man's wife - who was Kushner's sister.

Donald Trump and Charles Kushner know each other by virtue of being in the same circles of real estate barons. They became family when Jared Kushner, Charles' son, married Ivanka Trump, Donald Trump's daughter, in 2009. Jared and Ivanka Trump have three children - daughter Arabella Rose (born) July 2011, and sons Joseph Frederick (born October 2013) and Theodore James (March 2016).

Since leaving office in 2021, Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump moved to Miami, stepping back from politics. Kushner founded Affinity Partners, an investment fund backed by Gulf sovereign wealth funds, shortly after departing Washington.

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