

Evers campaign: “From the top down”: Attorneys for sexual harassment victims say Michels Corp. mishandled allegations

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MADISON, Wis. — Tim Michels’ corporation has faced a slew of [sexual harassment and racial discrimination allegations](#) over the last few decades. And throughout his campaign, Michels has boasted his ties with the Michels Corporation, describing himself as being “[responsible for everything](#)” at Michels Corp, including worker “safety.”

According to an [article](#) released by the Wisconsin State Journal, attorneys for employees who were victims of sexual harassment at Michels Corp. were critical of the company’s handling of the allegations.

Here’s what they had to say about Michels Corp:

- One attorney described the allegations brought by his clients as “**straightforward and factual,**” and was critical of how hard Michels Corp. fought them.
- That attorney’s client “was the only woman on a Michels Corp. road crew and was subjected to repeated verbal harassment and sexual touching, as well as denied bathroom access.” He went on to say, “**That one, it was bad [...] My conclusion was this company did not take it seriously, from the top down, at that time.**”
- Another attorney, whose client alleged that her “supervisor had given the woman a sex toy and made multiple sexually explicit comments to her,” said her client’s case “**shows a lack of sexual harassment training**” at the

workplace.

Meanwhile, just a week ago in the gubernatorial [debate](#), Michels doubled down on his claims that the allegations were not true. Culture starts at the top — it's clear based on the mishandling of sexual harassment allegations by Michels Corp that Tim Michels is unprepared to be governor, and too radical for Wisconsin.

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- *“Robert Mihelich, an attorney for the woman in the 1998 case, said the case ‘did not involve’ Tim Michels. **But Mihelich, who also defends employers in sex-harassment cases, was critical of how hard the Michels Corp. fought what he said were straightforward and factual allegations. His client was the only woman on a Michels Corp. road crew and was subjected to repeated verbal harassment and sexual touching, as well as denied bathroom access, the complaint alleges. ‘That one, it was bad,’ he said of the case. ‘My conclusion was this company did not take it seriously, from the top down, at that time.’”***
- *“Colleen Ramage, the attorney for the plaintiff in the Pennsylvania case, also said Tim Michels was not the subject of any of her client’s allegations, which included that a supervisor had given the woman a sex toy and made multiple sexually explicit comments to her. The case was settled, Ramage said, but a confidentiality agreement prohibited her from sharing further details. **She said the case ‘shows a lack of sexual harassment training,’ at least at that particular Michels Corp. worksite at that time.’”***