

Lawsuit Targets Big Political Super PAC For Infringing Paul Anka Song

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Group attacking Russ Feingold faces lawsuit after another had to pull an attack ad from the air.

MADISON - While " [funneling](#) " \$1.5 million to Senator Ron Johnson the super PAC Club for Growth is being sued for copyright infringement in their latest attack ad.

The Club for Growth promised to spend one million dollars on ads supporting Senator Johnson, but didn't think to ask songwriter Roger Nichols for the right to mimic his song "Times of Your Life."

The lawsuit means Senator Johnson's [multimillionaire financier Richard Uihelin](#) might need to give more money to the Club for Growth to cover legal costs associated with their mistake.

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For years, Republican candidates have been targeted by musicians for using songs on the campaign trail without permission. But get ready for a fight where *Citizens United* meets copyright law because on Tuesday, the songwriter behind the Paul Anka 1975 hit, "Times of Your Life," brought a lawsuit against Club for Growth's Super PAC.

Roger Nichols and Three Eagles Music filed the complaint in California federal court alleging that a commercial targeting Wisconsin senatorial candidate Russ Feingold misappropriated the song.

According to the complaint, "The use was particularly egregious because the Club, acting out of its desire to draw attention to its political agenda, utilized the Composition – a sweet and melancholy song about cherishing the moments of one's life – to make a derivative work that was a bitter attack advertisement."

The lawsuit alleges that the Super PAC "made a distinctive effort to draw an association... by using a singer that was clearly impersonating the style of Paul Anka... to mimic the original recording."