



# Billable Ours:

## Texas Endures Another Attorney-Financed Supreme Court Race

A majority of the all-Republican Texas Supreme Court is technically up for grabs in November—when voters will select five justices for this nine-member court. Yet the reality is not nearly as exciting as this suggests. Four of the five high-court incumbents up for election lacked primary opponents. In November these same four justices will face only nominal opposition from penniless Libertarians and a destitute independent. As a result the only Supreme-Court competition this year is over the seat now warmed by Justice Don Willett.

Faced with modestly funded primary- and general-election challenges, Willett has raised more than \$1 million since August 2005. Raising well over twice the money that Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson has raised for his reelection campaign, Willett pocketed 44 cents out of every dollar raised by this court's seven major-party candidates. Yet even the four incumbent justices with no financed opposition raised an average of more than \$300,000 apiece. This ranged from Justice Nathan Hecht's low of \$173,729 to Chief Jefferson's high of \$418,397.

### Total Contributions Raised (Jan. 2005 through June 2006)

Place	Candidate	Contributions Raised	Percent of Total	No. of Contributions
Chief	Wallace Jefferson, R	\$418,397	17%	359
2	William Moody, D	\$68,582	3%	185
2	Steven Smith, R	*\$0	*0%	*0
2	Don Willett, R	\$1,056,089	44%	1,010
4	David Medina, R	\$346,401	14%	362
6	Nathan Hecht, R	\$173,729	7%	63
8	Phil Johnson, R	\$335,162	14%	331
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$2,398,360</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,310</b>

\*This primary loser reported no donations, \$27,731 in loans and \$12,065 in expenditures.

Willet spent more than \$850,00 of his war chest to narrowly survive a remarkably strong primary challenge by ex-Justice Steven W. Smith, who is best known as the *Hopwood* litigator who overturned the University of Texas' affirmative-action policies. Smith spent just \$12,065, obtaining all of this money from campaign loans. Spending \$1 for every \$71 spent by his opponent, Smith slashed Willett's primary victory down to 51 percent of the vote.

After he barely survived round one, Willett reported that less than \$100,000 remained in his war chest at the end of June, when he prepared to meet a Democratic challenge by El Paso State District Court Judge William Moody. This sole Democratic candidate has raised just \$68,582—almost all of it from his hometown. Moody, who had just \$4,062 left in the bank at the end of June, has sought to parry his opponent's financial advantage by hitting the campaign trail on foot. He has made good on most of his pledge to trek 1,000 miles across the state from El Paso to the Louisiana border.

The cash-on-hand totals reported by the Supreme candidates suggest that Justice Willett may not be the only incumbent justice in the race whom Steven Smith spooked. By the end of June three of the four incumbents without meaningful opposition still had most of the money that they raised salted away in the bank. The exception is Justice David Medina, who already has spent more than \$300,000 in this election cycle—a huge expenditure for an incumbent running virtually unopposed.

## Campaign Funds In the Bank

Place	Candidate	Cash On Hand 6/30/05	Cash On Hand 12/31/05	Cash On Hand 6/30/06	Remaining Cash As Share of Total Raised
Chief	Wallace Jefferson, R	\$17,435	\$301,402	\$310,499	74%
2	William Moody, D	\$13,668	\$8,718	\$4,062	6%
2	Steven Smith, R	*\$0	*\$0	*\$0	100%
2	Don Willett, R	NA	\$368,712	\$99,401	9%
4	David Medina, R	\$110,554	\$80,261	\$86,795	25%
6	Nathan Hecht, R	\$8,954	\$133,418	\$145,749	84%
8	Phil Johnson, R	NA	\$222,839	\$224,254	67%
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$150,611</b>	<b>\$1,115,350</b>	<b>\$870,760</b>	

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Justice Medina may be haunted by the pale white ghost of the 2002 Republican Primary. That's when poorly funded upstart Steven Smith unseated a well-funded incumbent. Analysts attributed this upset to bubba voters in the GOP primary recoiling from the ethnic name of then-Justice Xavier Rodriguez. In light of this cautionary tale, Justice Medina appears to be running not so much against the penniless Libertarian Jerry Adkins as he is running against prejudices lurking within his own party. To do so, Justice Medina is trying to enlist the aid of the troops. One of the larger checks cut by his campaign was a \$7,500 consulting payment in June for Hispanic get-out-the vote work.

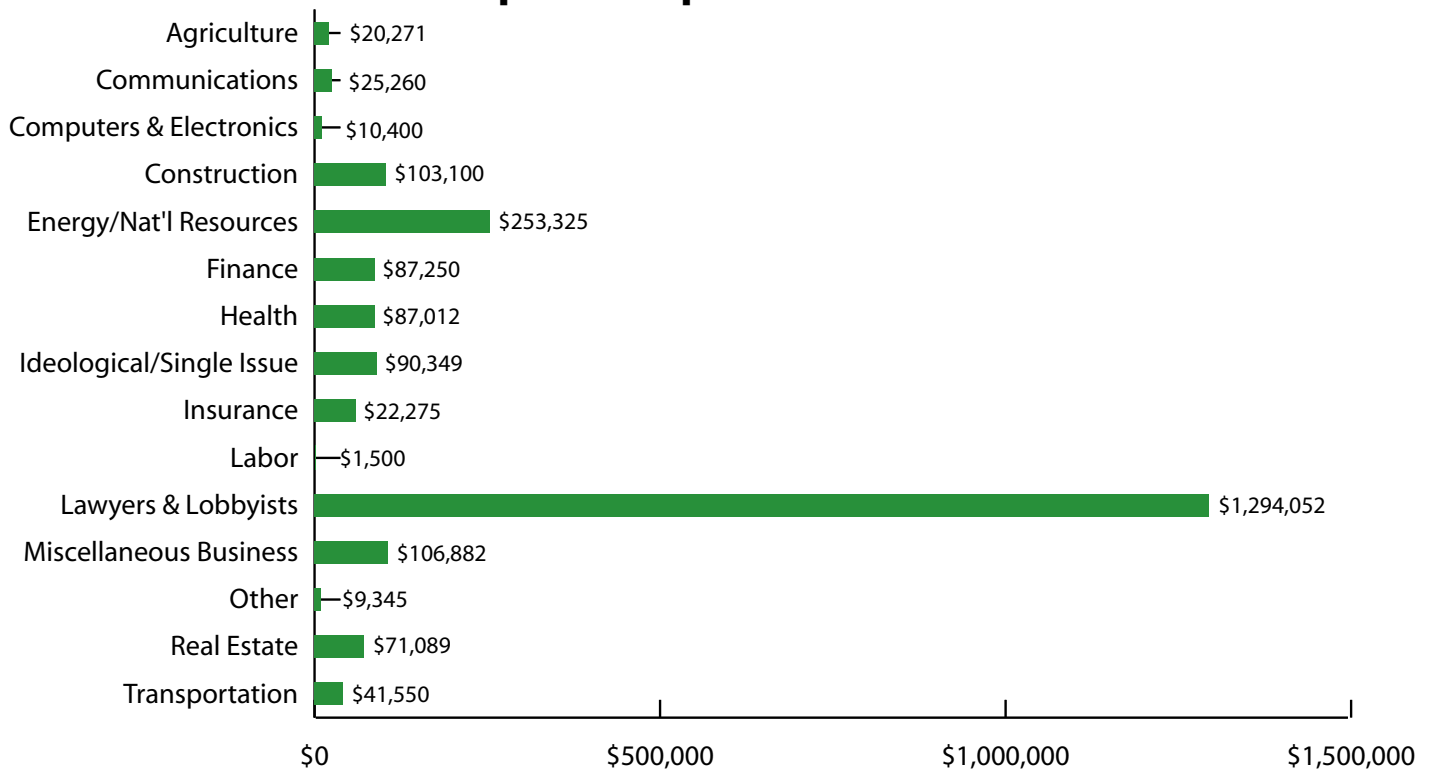
The most disturbing feature of this Supreme Court election, like its predecessors, is not how much money the candidates have raised or spent but who has footed these campaign bills. As a group, the 2006 candidates for the Texas Supreme Court got a total of \$1.2 million—51 percent of the grand total—from attorneys and law firms. The candidates' dependence on lawyer money ranged from a low of 44 percent for Justice Willett to a high of 61 percent for Justice Medina. The second section of this report contains detailed donor profiles for the six Supreme Court candidates who received campaign contributions.

## Attorneys Supply Supreme Candidates With Most of Their Funds

Place	Candidate	Contributions From Lawyers & Law Firms	Attorneys' Percent of Total
Chief	Wallace Jefferson, R	\$232,403	56%
2	William Moody, D	\$31,840	46%
2	Don Willett, R	\$463,698	44%
4	David Medina, R	\$212,392	61%
6	Nathan Hecht, R	\$101,850	59%
8	Phil Johnson, R	\$177,150	53%
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$1,219,333</b>	<b>51%</b>

Leading contributors to high-court candidates include some of the court's busiest litigators, including Vinson & Elkins (\$95,000) and Fulbright & Jaworski (\$50,412). Both the lawyers who give this money and the judges who take it continue to engage in this practice even though they know that it corrodes public confidence in the court's rulings.

## Supreme Special Interests



Note: Chart analyzes the 94% of the high-court money for which a donor's interest was identified.

The table above breaks down total contributions to all high-court candidates by the industry or interest of the donor. Note that the attorney figures cited earlier vary from those listed under the “Lawyer & Lobbyists” category here for two reasons. First, the Lawyers and Lobbyists category obviously includes contributions from both lawyers and lobbyists. Second, researchers identified an underlying industry or interest for 94 percent of the money that the high-court candidates received. It is not known how much of the remaining \$136,850 that they received came from attorneys.

Outside the legal profession, high-court candidates draw a disproportionately high amount of their campaign funds from such dangerous and litigious industries as energy, construction and health care. Apart from law firms, the single largest donors to Supreme Court candidates were Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC (\$75,000), HillCo PAC (\$40,000), and the Texas Medical Association (\$26,037). Although HillCo is a lobby firm, Houston homebuilder Bob Perry supplied 60 percent of its PAC money so far this cycle. Judicial candidates know that such donors have a vested interest in the court interpreting tort, labor and environmental laws in favor of businesses—even when such rulings come at the expense of consumers, workers or communities. Yet they cannot resist the influence that such money buys.

While the donors to this race's Democratic financial underdog are a bit more economically diverse, they, too, pose conflicts. Judge Moody's top donors include attorneys, business interests and labor unions. Texas judges will never inspire the level of confidence that the public deserves until they stop taking money from those with vested interests in their rulings.

## Top Contributors to 2006 Supreme Court Candidates

Total To Supreme Candidates	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$95,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$75,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$55,000	Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$50,512	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$43,000	Weil Gotshal & Manges	Law firm	Houston
\$40,000	Haynes & Boone	Law firm	Dallas
\$40,000	HillCo PAC	Bob Perry's lobby firm	Austin
\$35,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$32,500	United Services Auto. Assoc. (USAA)	Insurer	San Antonio
\$30,000	Jackson Walker	Law firm	Dallas
\$28,500	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	Law firm	Austin
\$27,500	Thompson & Knight	Law firm	Dallas
\$26,037	TX Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
\$25,000	Baker Botts	Law firm	Houston
\$25,000	Bracewell & Giuliani	Law firm	Houston
\$25,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$21,250	PSEL PAC	Oil-rich Bass family	Fort Worth
\$21,000	Jenkins & Gilchrist	Law firm	Dallas
\$20,000	Bickel & Brewer	Law firm	Dallas
\$20,000	Charles C. Butt	HEB Grocery	San Antonio
\$20,000	Hughes & Luce	Law firm	Dallas
\$20,000	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$20,000	Union Pacific PAC	Railroad	Washington
\$18,750	Good Government Fund	Oil-rich Bass family	Fort Worth
\$18,500	Valero PAC	Oil refining	San Antonio
\$16,000	Beirne Maynard & Parsons	Law firm	Houston
\$15,000	James R. Leininger	KCI hospital beds	San Antonio
\$15,000	Paul May	Attorney	McKinney
\$15,000	Richard & Ginni Mithoff	Law firm	Houston
\$15,000	Bob & Doylene Perry	Perry Homes	Houston
\$15,000	Jack W. Perry	Winstead Sechrest law firm	Sugar Land
\$15,000	Susman Godfrey	Law firm	Houston
\$15,000	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	Law firm	Dallas
\$14,000	Richard W. Weekley	Weekley Properties/TLR	Houston
\$13,500	Beck Redden & Secrest	Law firm	Houston
\$13,500	Godwin Gruber	Law firm	Dallas
\$13,000	Gibbs & Bruns	Law firm	Houston
\$12,500	Cantey & Hanger	Law firm	Fort Worth
\$12,500	Strasburger & Price	Law firm	Dallas
\$11,000	H.B. Zachry Co. PAC	Heavy construction	San Antonio
\$10,500	Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons	Law firm	Dallas



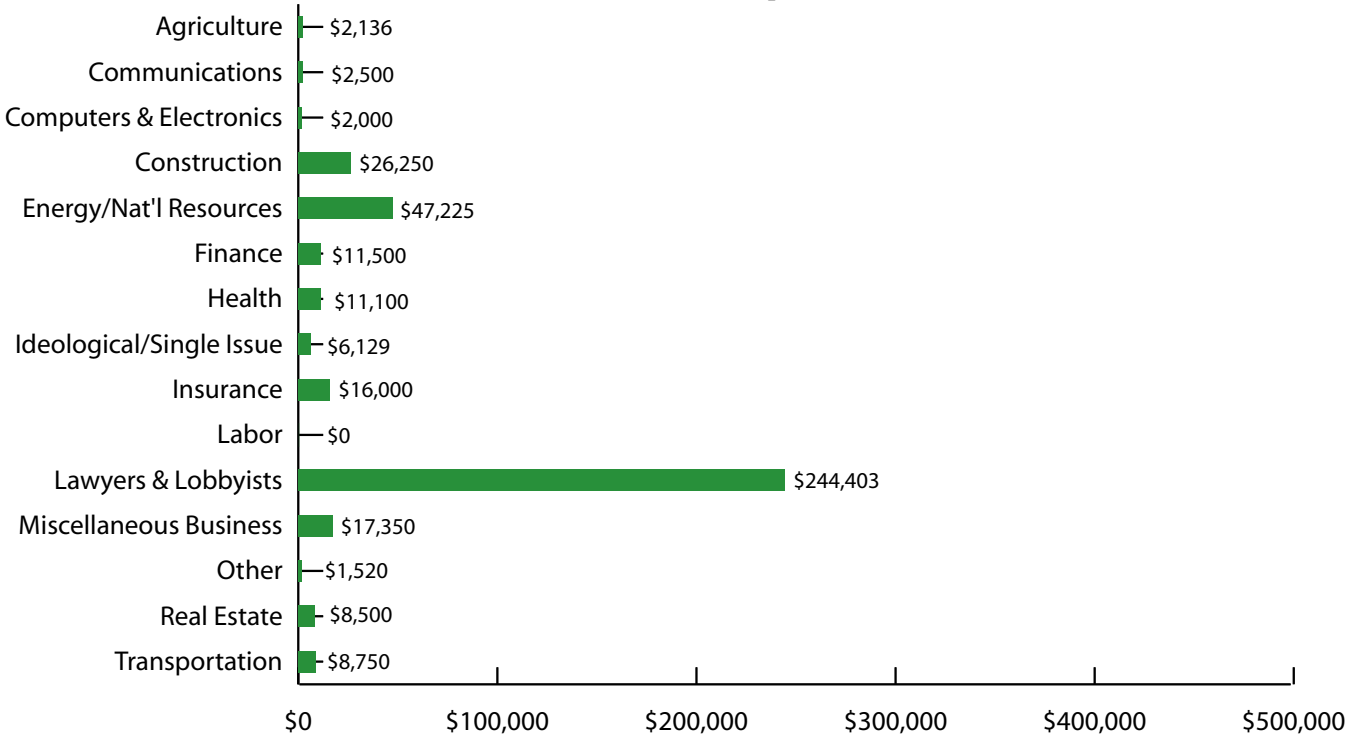
**Chief Justice:**  
**Wallace Jefferson**  
 (Republican)

**Total Money Raised: \$418,397**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 56%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$310,499**

**Justice Jefferson's Special Interests**



**Justice Jefferson's Favorite Towns**

City	Total To Jefferson	Percent of Total
San Antonio*	\$116,430	28%
Houston	\$106,255	25%
Dallas	\$74,130	18%
Austin	\$60,926	15%
Fort Worth	\$11,300	3%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$369,040</b>	<b>88%</b>

\*Hometown

## Justice Jefferson's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$25,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$10,512	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	HillCo PAC	Bob Perry's lobby firm	Austin
\$10,000	Jackson Walker	Law firm	Dallas
\$10,000	United Services Auto. Assoc. (USAA)	Insurer	San Antonio
\$7,500	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	Law firm	Austin
\$7,500	Haynes & Boone	Law firm	Dallas
\$6,238	Brock & Person	Law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Baker Botts	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Louis Beecherl	Beecherl Co's (oil fortune)	Dallas
\$5,000	Bickel & Brewer	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Bracewell & Giuliani	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Charles C. Butt	HEB Grocery	San Antonio
\$5,000	Ricardo G. Cedillo	Davis Cedillo & Mendoza law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Davis Cedillo & Mendoza	Law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Good Government PAC	Trial lawyer PAC	Corpus
\$5,000	H.B. Zachry Co. PAC	Heavy construction	San Antonio
\$5,000	Peter & Julianna Holt	Holt Co's (construction equipment)	Blanco
\$5,000	Hughes & Luce	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Paul B. May	Lawyer	McKinney
\$5,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Richard Mithoff	Mithoff & Jacks law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Gerald Noteboom	Perry Homes	Garwood
\$5,000	Jack W. Perry	Winstead Sechrest law firm	Sugar Land
\$5,000	T. Boone Pickens	BP Capital (oil & water investing)	Dallas
\$5,000	Ricardo R. Reyna	Brock & Person law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$5,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$5,000	Texas Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
\$5,000	Thompson & Knight	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Union Pacific PAC	Railroad	Washington
\$5,000	H.B. 'Bartel' Zachry	Zachry Construction	San Antonio



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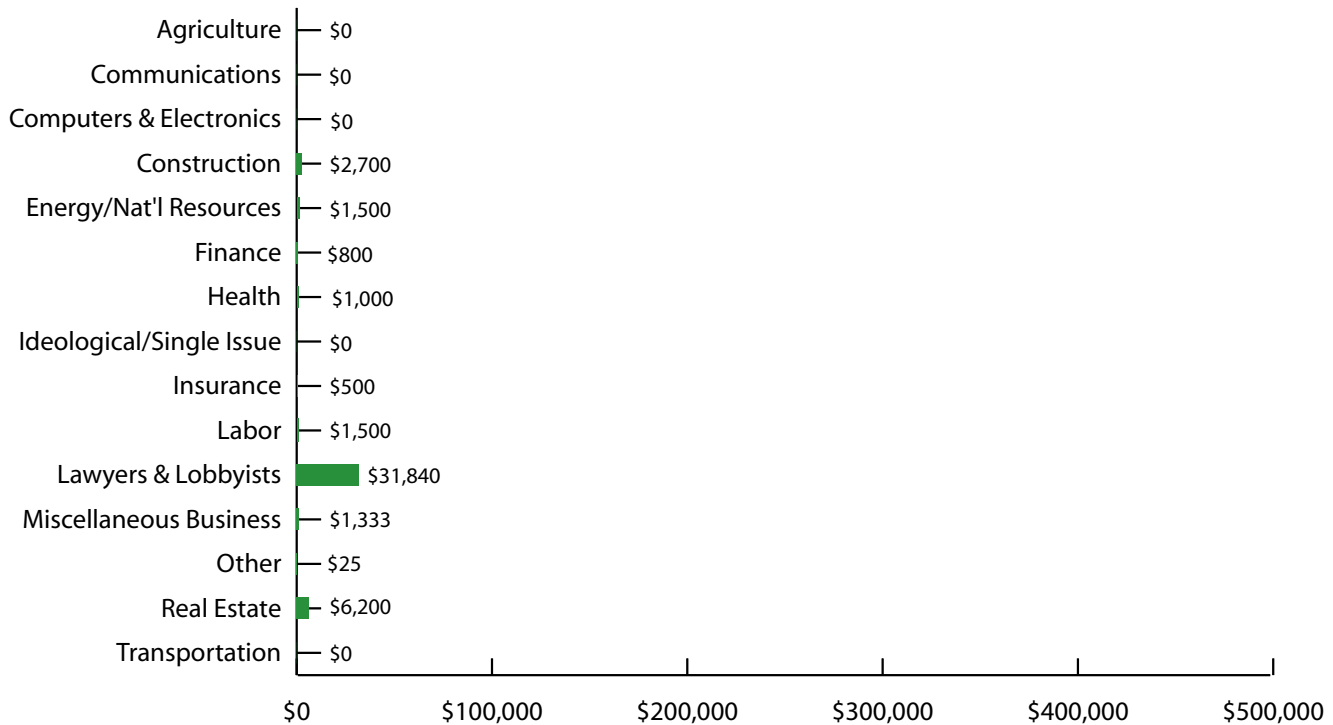
**William Moody**  
(Democrat)

**Total Money Raised: \$68,582**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 46%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$4,062**

**Judge Moody's Special Interests**



**Judge Moody's Favorite Towns**

City	Total To Moody	Percent of Total
El Paso*	\$63,000	92%
Washington	\$5,050	7%
Lubbock	\$401	1%
Tyler	\$100	0%
Sherman	\$13	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$68,564</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Hometown



## Judge Moody's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$5,000	Communications Workers PAC	Labor union	Washington
\$3,500	David Jeans	Ray Valdez McChristian law firm	El Paso
\$3,000	George Andritsos	Lawyer	El Paso
\$2,600	Javier Espinoza	Scherr Legate & Ehrlich law firm	El Paso
\$2,000	Walter L. Boyaki	Miranda & Boyaki law firm	El Paso
\$2,000	J.A. Cardwell	Petro truck stops	El Paso
\$2,000	Elma Carreto	Property manager	El Paso
\$2,000	Jeff Ray	Ray Valdez McChristian law firm	El Paso
\$1,500	El Paso Mun'l Police Officers PAC	Labor union	El Paso
\$1,333	Bob Jones	Sahara [garment] Mfg.	El Paso
\$1,200	James Kirby Read	Law firm	El Paso
\$1,200	Tedd F. Richardson	Developer	El Paso
\$1,140	James F. Scherr	Scherr Legate & Ehrlich law firm	El Paso
\$1,000	El Paso Co. Medical Society	Physicians' trade group	El Paso
\$1,000	Carl Green	Mounce Green Myers Safi law firm	El Paso
\$1,000	Steven C. James	Lawyer	El Paso
\$1,000	Deborah C. Kastrin	Kastrin Group developers	El Paso
\$1,000	William J. Kastrin	Southwestern Roofing, Inc.	El Paso
\$1,000	Sam Legate	Scherr Legate & Ehrlich law firm	El Paso
\$1,000	Enrique Moreno	Moreno & Fry law firm	El Paso
\$1,000	Mounce Green Myers Safi...	Mounce Green Myers Safi law firm	El Paso
\$1,000	J.O.Stewart, Jr.	Waste disposal magnate	El Paso



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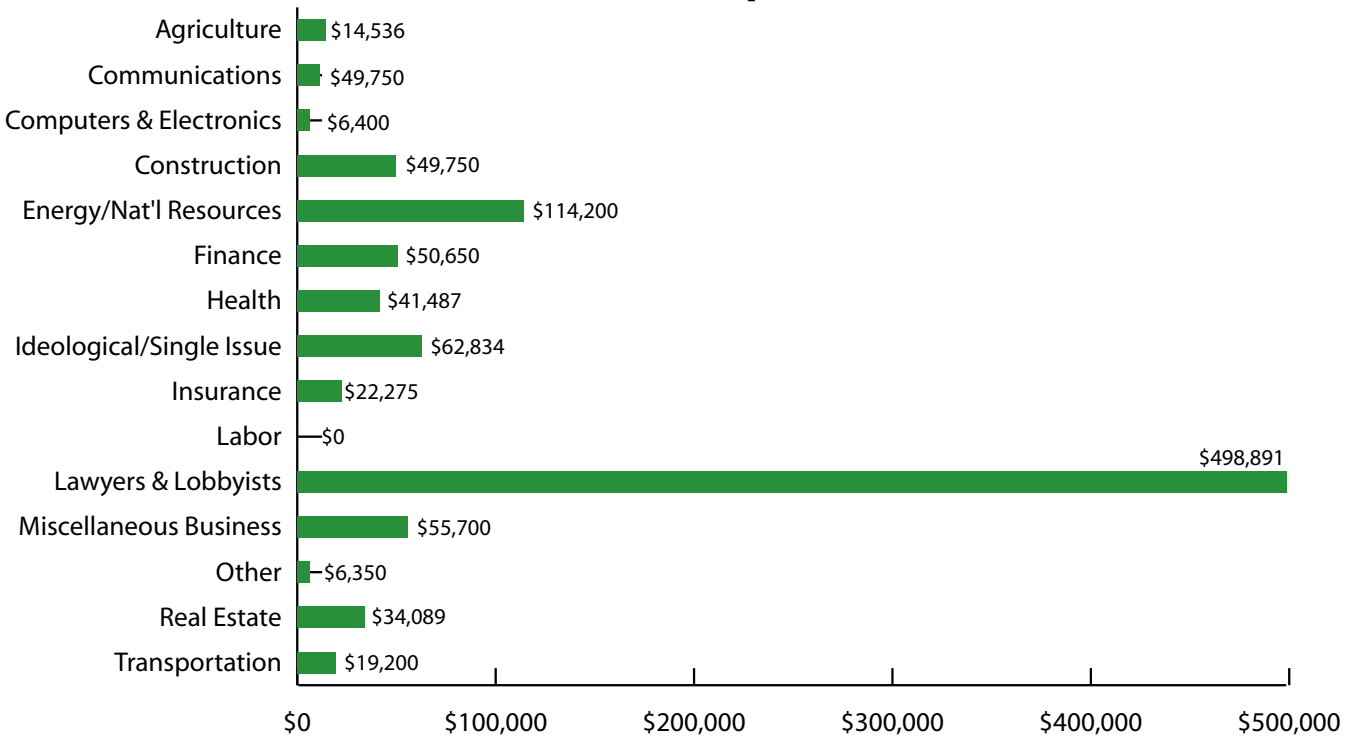
**Don Willett**  
(Republican)

**Total Money Raised: \$1,056,089**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 47%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$99,401**

**Justice Willett's Special Interests**



**Justice Willett's Favorite Towns**

City	Total To Willett	Percent of Total
Houston	\$342,432	32%
Austin*	\$228,795	22%
Dallas	\$165,850	16%
San Antonio	\$70,874	7%
Fort Worth	\$42,517	4%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$850,468</b>	<b>81%</b>

\*Hometown

## Justice Willett's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$50,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$33,000	Weil Gotshal & Manges	Law firm	Houston
\$30,000	Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$25,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$20,000	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$16,000	Jenkins & Gilchrist	Law firm	Dallas
\$15,000	HillCo PAC	Bob Perry's lobby firm	Austin
\$10,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	*Haynes & Boone	Law firm	Dallas
\$10,000	Maverick PAC	Republican PAC	Houston
\$10,000	Pfizer PAC	Drug company	New York
\$10,000	Thompson & Knight	Law firm	Dallas
\$10,000	Union Pacific PAC	Railroad	Washington
\$10,000	United Services Auto. Assoc. (USAA)	Insurer	San Antonio
\$10,000	Valero PAC	Oil refinery	San Antonio
\$7,500	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	Law firm	Austin
\$7,500	Hughes & Luce	Law firm	Dallas
\$6,037	Texas Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
\$6,000	Steve W. Sterquell II	American [low-income] Housing	Amarillo

\*Justice Willett practiced at this firm in the early 1990s.



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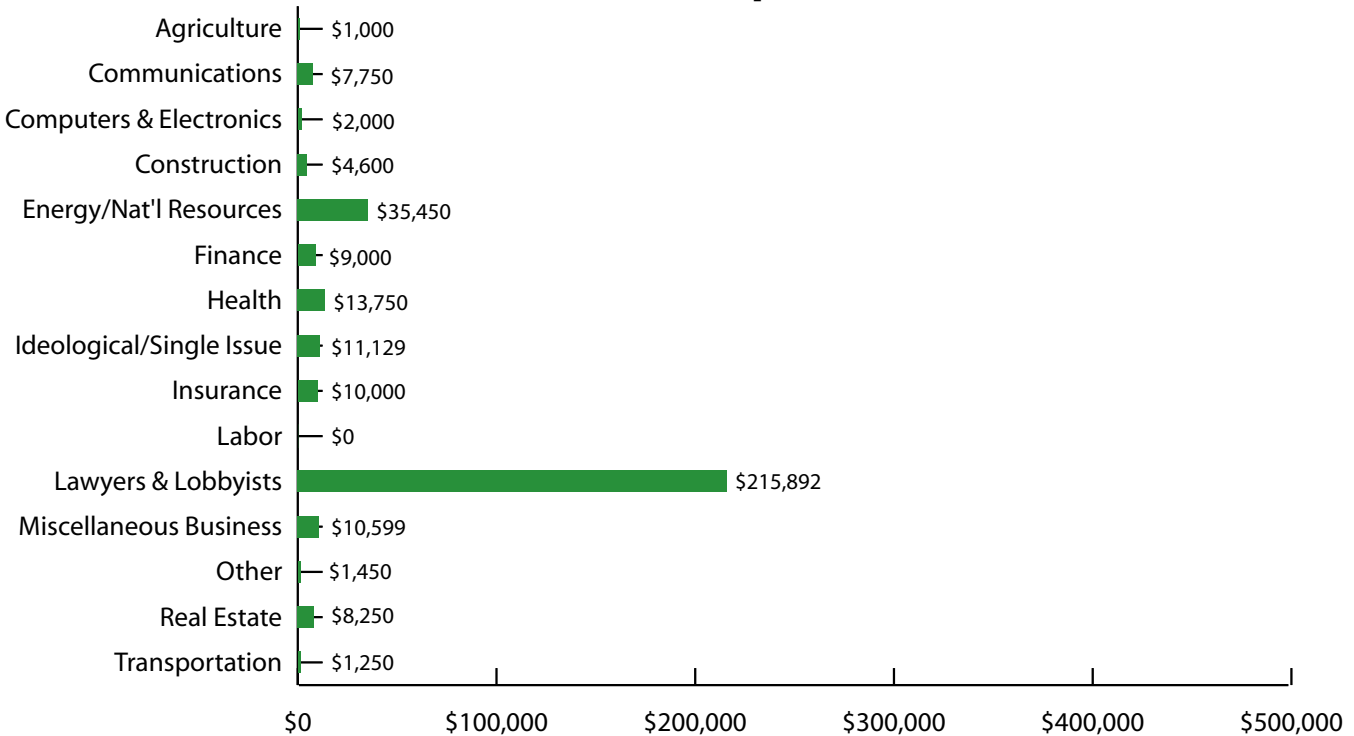
**David Medina**  
(Republican)

**Total Money Raised: \$346,401**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 62%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$86,795**

**Justice Medina's Special Interests**



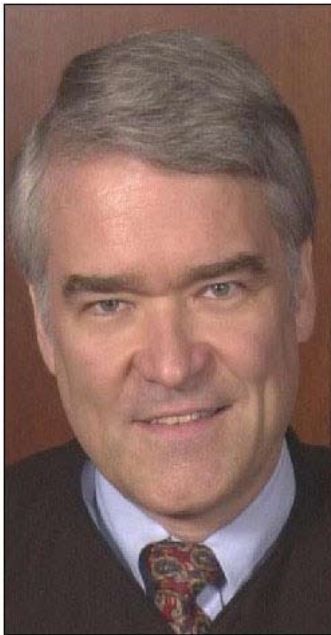
**Justice Medina's Favorite Towns**

City	Total To Medina	Percent of Total
Houston*	\$177,349	51%
Dallas	\$62,700	18%
Austin	\$32,979	10%
San Antonio	\$23,232	7%
Fort Worth	\$16,900	5%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$313,159</b>	<b>90%</b>

\*Hometown

## Justice Medina's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$10,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	Jackson Walker	Law firm	Dallas
\$10,000	Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$10,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$7,500	Haynes & Boone	Law firm	Dallas
\$7,500	PSEL PAC	(oil-rich Bass family)	Fort Worth
\$6,000	Akin Gump Strauss ..	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Baker Botts	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Baron & Budd	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Bickel & Brewer	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Bracewell & Giuliani	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	CenterPoint Energy	Electric company	Houston
\$5,000	Godwin Gruber	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Randall G. Goss	U.S. Risk (insurer)	Dallas
\$5,000	James Leininger	KCI (hospital beds)	San Antonio
\$5,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Richard Mithoff	Mithoff & Jacks law firm	Houston
\$5,000	John M. O'Quinn	O'Quinn Laminack law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$5,000	TX Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
\$5,000	United Services Auto. Assoc.	USAA (insurer)	San Antonio
\$5,000	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	Law firm	Dallas
\$4,499	John L. Nau, III	Silver Eagle (beer distributor)	Houston
\$3,500	SBC Corp. (now AT&T)	Telecommunications	Austin
\$3,000	Gibbs & Bruns	Law firm	Houston
\$3,000	Susman Godfrey	Law firm	Houston
\$3,000	Richard Weekley	Weekley Properties/TLR	Houston



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# Nathan Hecht

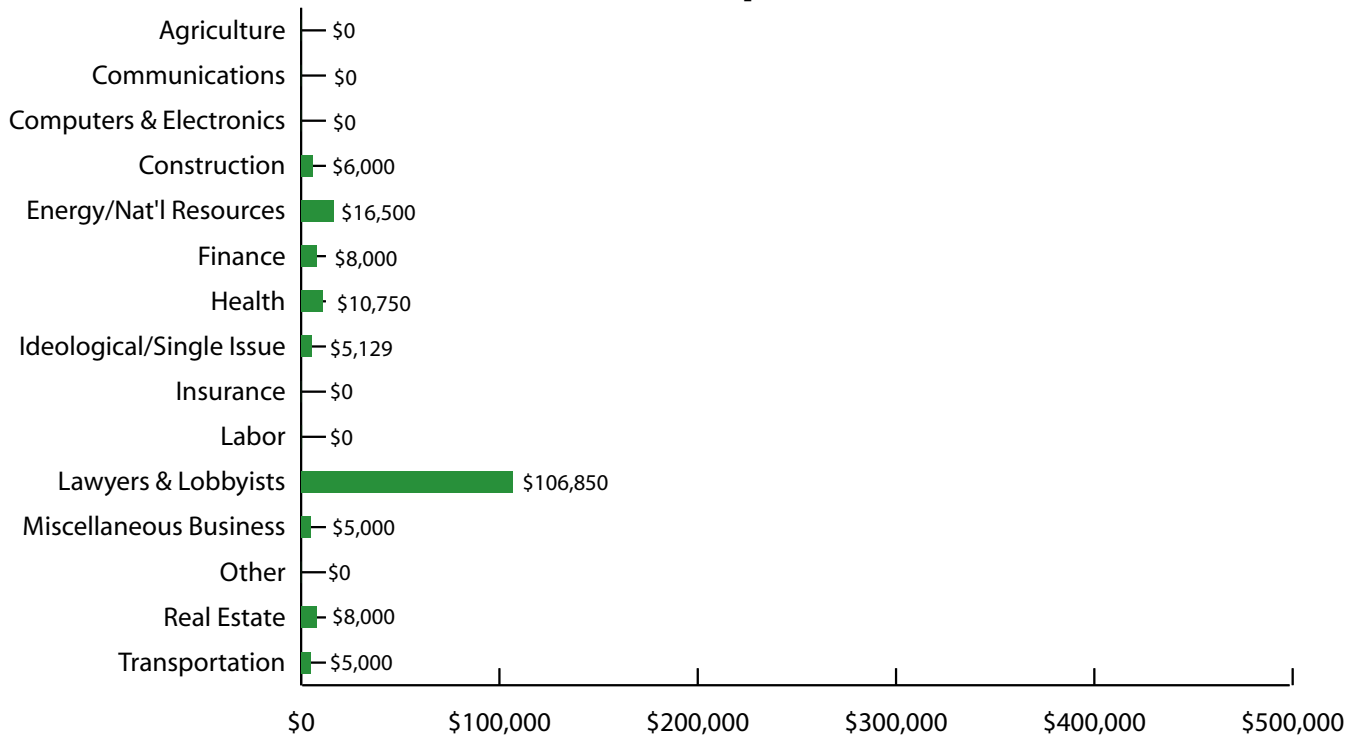
(Republican)

**Total Money Raised: \$173,729**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 62%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$145,749**

## Justice Hecht's Special Interests



## Justice Hecht's Favorite Towns

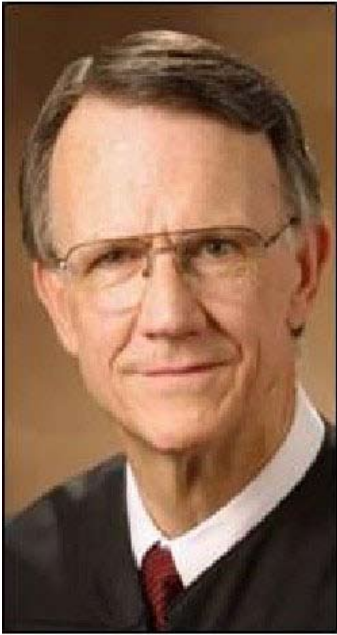
City	Total To Hecht	Percent of Total
Houston	\$60,500	35%
Dallas*	\$35,500	20%
Austin	\$33,379	19%
San Antonio	\$17,000	10%
Fort Worth	\$13,500	8%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$159,879</b>	<b>92%</b>

\*Hometown

## Justice Hecht's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$10,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$7,500	Haynes & Boone	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Akin Gump Strauss...	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Baker Botts	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Bracewell & Giuliani	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Charles C. Butt	HEB Grocery	San Antonio
\$5,000	HillCo PAC	Hillco Partners	Austin
\$5,000	Joseph D. Jamail	Jamail & Kolius law firm	Houston
\$5,000	James R. Leininger	KCI hospital beds	San Antonio
\$5,000	*Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Gilbert Low	Orgain Bell & Tucker law firm	Beaumont
\$5,000	B.J. 'Red' McCombs	Red McCombs Auto Group	San Antonio
\$5,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Edith Jones O'Donnell	O'Donnell Foundation (banking)	Dallas
\$5,000	Bob & Doyleene Perry	Perry Homes	Houston
\$5,000	Wayne Reaud	Reaud Morgan & Quinn law firm	Beaumont
\$5,000	Susman Godfrey	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$5,000	Texas Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
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\$2,500	Godwin Gruber	Law firm	Dallas
\$2,500	Hughes & Luce	Law firm	Dallas
\$2,500	K-PAC	Kelly Hart & Hallman law firm	Fort Worth
\$2,500	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$2,500	TX Auto Dealers Assoc.	Automobile dealers trade group	Austin
\$2,500	James C. Thompson, Jr.	Auto dealer	Dallas

\*Successor to Justice Hecht's old firm.



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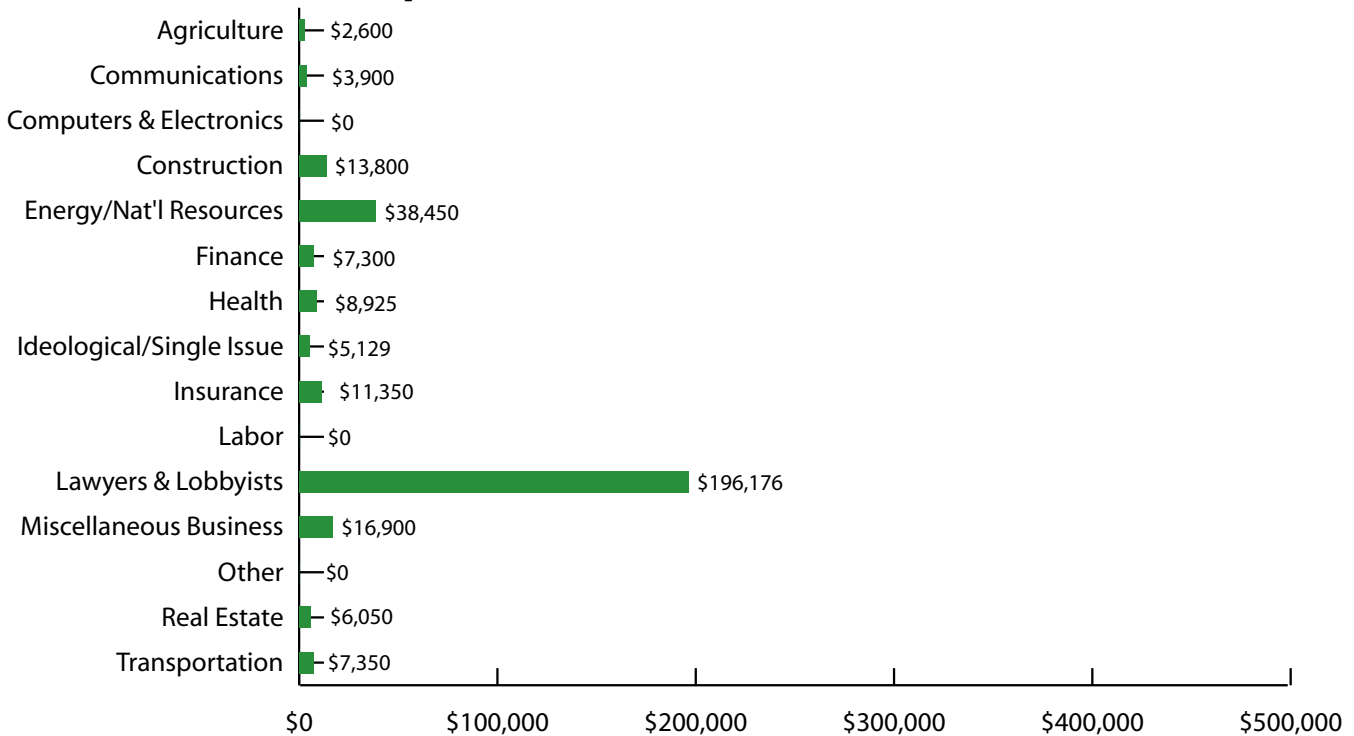
**Phil Johnson**  
(Republican)

**Total Money Raised: \$335,162**

**Portion Raised from Attorneys: 55%**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/06: \$224,254**

**Justice Johnson's Special Interests**



**Justice Johnson's Favorite Towns**

City	Total To Johnson	Percent of Total
Houston	\$84,792	24%
Dallas	\$63,722	18%
Austin	\$58,735	17%
San Antonio	\$44,300	12%
Fort Worth	\$22,750	6%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$274,299</b>	<b>77%</b>



## Justice Johnson's Top Donors

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$25,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$10,512	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$10,000	HillCo PAC	Bob Perry's lobby firm	Austin
\$10,000	Jackson Walker	Law firm	Dallas
\$10,000	United Services Auto. Assoc. (USAA)	Insurer	San Antonio
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\$5,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
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\$5,000	Louis Beecherl	Beecherl Co's (oil fortune)	Dallas
\$5,000	Bickel & Brewer	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Bracewell & Giuliani	Law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Charles C. Butt	HEB Grocery	San Antonio
\$5,000	Ricardo G. Cedillo	Davis Cedillo & Mendoza law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Davis Cedillo & Mendoza	Law firm	San Antonio
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\$5,000	Paul B. May	Lawyer	McKinney
\$5,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$5,000	Richard Mithoff	Mithoff & Jacks law firm	Houston
\$5,000	Gerald Noteboom	Perry Homes	Garwood
\$5,000	Jack W. Perry	Winstead Sechrest law firm	Sugar Land
\$5,000	T. Boone Pickens	BP Capital (oil & water investing)	Dallas
\$5,000	Ricardo R. Reyna	Brock & Person law firm	San Antonio
\$5,000	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$5,000	Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR)	Weak tort-law lobby	Houston
\$5,000	Texas Medical Assoc.	Physicians' trade group	Austin
\$5,000	Thompson & Knight	Law firm	Dallas
\$5,000	Union Pacific PAC	Railroad	Washington
\$5,000	H.B. 'Bartel' Zachry	Zachry Construction	San Antonio