



★ TEXAS SUPREME COURT ★ DOLLAR DOCKET

In Texas, 48% of judges and 79% of lawyers say contributions significantly influence judicial decisions. - Texas Supreme Court poll

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\$4 Million and Counting

Ten surviving major-party candidates seeking five Texas Supreme Court seats already raised \$4 million for the November election, even though the chief justice candidates largely abstained. Lawyers with cases before the court still are the top donors.

As of new disclosures covering through late September, the top-10 funding sources accounted for 19 percent of all court money. These donors include five corporate defense firms (led by Vinson & Elkins) and three plaintiff firms (led by Fleming & Associates) joined by Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR) and oil-rich Bass family PACs.

Current Candidates' Top Donors

Source	Amount
Vinson & Elkins ^D	\$156,305
Baker Botts ^D	\$100,810
Fleming & Associates ^P	\$82,600
Nix Patterson & Roach ^P	\$80,250
Fulbright & Jaworski ^D	\$73,020
Watts & Heard ^P	\$71,500
Haynes & Boone ^D	\$62,750
Texans for Lawsuit Reform	\$60,069
Beirne Maynard & Parsons ^D	\$53,550
Bass Family	\$53,500
TOTALS:	\$794,354

^D = Defense firm; ^P = Plaintiff firm.

Wallace Jefferson is the only candidate who cleared \$1 million, which Jesse Wainwright and Michael Schneider likely will surpass. Excluding the chief justice race, Schneider is the only candidate who spent more

than he raised in recent months, leaving him with less available cash than other financial frontrunners.

September Dollar Docket

Cases heard by the Texas Supreme Court in September and the corresponding contributions to justices from the parties and/or attorneys.

September 3, 2002

<i>Miller v. Keyser</i>	\$0
<i>In the interest of J.F.C.</i>	\$0
<i>Dallas County v. Hasley</i>	\$0

September 11, 2002

<i>Harris County v. Smith</i>	\$0
<i>State of Texas v. Super Cherry 8-Liner</i>	\$0

Consolidated with

<i>Hardy v.</i>	\$3,200
<i>State of Texas</i>	\$0
<i>City of Dallas v. Jennings</i>	\$0

September 18, 2002

<i>Wingfoot Enterprises v.</i>	\$100
<i>Alvarado</i>	\$0
<i>City of San Antonio v. City of Boerne</i>	\$0
<i>In re Senior Living Prop.</i>	\$113,250

Grand Total for September: \$116,550

Every GOP candidate except Steve Smith out-raised his opponent. Democrat Margaret Mirabal benefited from divisive Smith statements about minorities that have made her the common choice of such adversaries as TLR and the plaintiffs' bar. Yet Smith's top donors also are from TLR's family tree, led by investor Louis Beecherl and Will Perry, an apparent relative of builder Bob Perry.

Texas Supreme Court War Chest Inventory On Sept. 26, 2002

Place/ Party	Candidate	Total \$ Raised	\$ Raised In Last 3 Months	\$ Spent In Last 3 Months	9/26 Cash On Hand	Top Money Source
CJ/R	Phillips ⁱ	\$5,603	\$500	\$4,784	\$15,023	Gov. Bush Committee
CJ/D	Baker	\$3,357	\$757	*\$12,626	\$628	Banker Doug Cameron
1/R	Schneider ⁱ	\$800,526	\$220,252	\$319,609	\$138,448	Vinson & Elkins
1/D	Yanez	\$362,640	\$117,380	\$71,370	\$79,733	Watts & Heard
2/R	Wainwright	\$913,021	\$213,426	\$101,306	\$257,804	Vinson & Elkins
2/D	Parsons	\$247,143	\$117,646	\$43,459	\$165,011	Nix Patterson & Roach
3/R	Jefferson ⁱ	\$1,030,874	\$122,416	\$80,861	\$289,608	Vinson & Elkins
3/D	Moody	\$150,414	\$59,349	\$35,093	\$13,658	Nix Patterson & Roach
4/D	Mirabal	\$604,564	\$289,232	\$90,796	\$328,711	Fleming & Associates
4/R	Smith	\$18,440	\$12,940	\$10,131	\$2,267	Louis Beecherl/Will Perry
TOTALS:		\$4,136,582	\$1,153,898	\$759,277	\$1,290,891	

ⁱ = Incumbent. * \$10,758 of this amount was from direct expenditures of Baker's personal funds.