

# LOBBY WATCH



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## Wyly Politicians Can Help Repay Fraud Judgment

A New York federal judge last week [ordered](#) Dallas tycoon Sam Wyly and the estate of his late brother, Charles, to disgorge \$188 million plus interest for their fraudulent manipulation of offshore accounts related to four companies that they controlled for more than a decade.

Lawyers for the Wylys said the award, one of the largest ever imposed on individuals, would bankrupt their clients. Given the tycoon family's alleged hardships, *Lobby Watch* directs Judge Shira Scheindlin's attention to the accompanying list of Texas politicians and political committees that collected almost \$1.3 million from the two Wyly brothers since 2000.

Many of these politicians and PACs are flush with cash and can easily return their Wyly funds to the court—with interest. Indeed, the Wyly brothers gave money to many state judges. Like Judge Scheindlin, these jurists have vowed to uphold the law.

Judge Scheindlin is encouraged to work with our colleagues at Washington-based Center for Responsive Politics to ferret out many more Wyly funds that flowed to federal campaigns.

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Amount	Wyly Contribution Recipient
\$390,000	Rick Perry
\$308,152	David Dewhurst
\$100,000	Republican Party of TX
\$85,000	Greg Abbott
\$67,500	Carole Keeton Strayhorn
\$52,541	Lawsuit Reform PAC
\$32,500	Kenneth S. George
\$25,000	David Sibley
\$23,750	Dan Haley PAC (John Cornyn)
\$21,000	Tom Craddick
\$20,000	Texans for a Repub. Majority
\$17,000	Tony Garza
\$15,000	Daniel H. Branch
\$11,500	Kent Grusendorf
\$10,000	Dallas Co. Republican Party
\$10,000	Stars Over TX PAC
\$10,000	TX Business for Clean Air
\$8,000	Susan Combs
\$8,000	SW Research & Medical PAC
\$7,000	Victor Carrillo
\$5,000	Steven D. Wolens
\$5,000	Don Willett
\$5,000	Michael H. Schneider
\$5,000	Florence Shapiro
\$5,000	Paul Green
\$5,000	Kevin P. Eltife
\$3,000	Jane Nelson
\$2,500	Bob Deuell
\$3,000	Michael Williams
\$2,000	Dawn Estes
\$2,000	Robert 'Ray' Allen
\$2,000	John J. Carona
\$2,000	Wallace Jefferson
\$1,500	Craig Estes
\$1,500	G. Michael Lawshe
\$1,000	Talmadge L. Heflin
\$1,000	Nathan L. Hecht
\$1,000	Michael 'Tuffy' Hamilton
\$1,000	Charles R. Matthews
\$1,000	Scott A. Brister
\$1,000	Roger Williams
\$1,000	Cliff Stricklin
\$1,000	Xavier Rodriguez
\$500	E. 'Jeff' Wentworth
\$500	J. Tony Goolsby
\$500	Jodie A. Laubenberg
\$500	Kenny E. Marchant
\$500	Park Cities Rep. Women
\$500	Jerry E. Patterson
\$250	Linda Harper-Brown
<b>\$1,282,693</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>