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Justices in Activist ‘Entergy’ Ruling Ran on High-Octane Campaign Funds

Energy, Chemical Donors Gave Justices \$724,863—10% of Total.

In the six years before they issued their August 2007 decision in *Entergy Gulf States v. John Summers*, the nine current Texas Supreme Court justices collected \$724,863 from the oil, gas, electricity and chemical industries that are major beneficiaries of the activist *Entergy* decision. This industry money accounted for 10 percent of the total money raised by the nine justices from 2001 through 2006.

Energy & Chemical Contributions to the High Court

Justice	Energy/Chemical Campaign Contributions	Share of Total Money Raised
Don Willett	\$190,050	11%
Wallace Jefferson	\$172,578	11%
Jesse Wainwright	\$99,510	9%
Paul Green	\$82,225	8%
Phil Johnson	\$61,500	13%
David Medina	\$38,550	8%
Scott Brister	\$36,000	7%
Harriet O'Neill	\$27,950	10%
Nathan Hecht	\$16,500	9%
TOTALS:	\$724,863	20%

Top Energy Donors To Justices

Entergy author Don Willett raised the most campaign money in this period, including the most from the energy and chemical industries (\$190,050). Justice Phil Johnson raised the largest share of his campaign money from these industries (13 percent). •

Amount To Justices	Contributor	City
\$49,500	Louis & Julie Beecherl (Beecherl Co's)	Dallas
\$47,000	Good Government Fund*	Fort Worth
\$45,000	PSEL PAC*	Fort Worth
\$34,000	Valero PAC	San Antonio
\$30,000	Texas Oil & Gas PAC	Austin
\$28,500	CenterPoint Energy Inc.	Houston
\$22,500	Texas Progress Fund*	Fort Worth
\$21,000	Cary M. Maguire (Maguire Oil)	Dallas
\$20,000	Ray L. Hunt (Hunt Consolidated)	Dallas

* PAC tied to Fort Worth's oil-rich Bass family.

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