



The Watchdog with Keen Eyes— and Sharp Teeth

Corrupt and powerful Texas politicians fear the state's most aggressive watchdog. Texans for Public Justice (TPJ) has exposed, preempted and stomped out crony-capitalist corruption since 1997. It is the rarest breed of activist watchdog -- better known for its deeds than its name.

No other watchdog holds more powerful Texas politicians accountable.

A few of TPJ's greatest hits in our 16-year fight for political accountability and open government:

- ✓ Our criminal complaints triggered the indictments of Majority Leader TOM DELAY and Gov. RICK PERRY.
- ✓ TPJ won a record \$100,000 fine against Texas' top criminal judge, Sharon Keller, for hiding millions of dollars in personal assets.
- ✓ TPJ's groundbreaking reports on Gov. Perry's Enterprise Fund demonstrated that its job-creation claims were fraudulent.
- ✓ TPJ revealed unprecedented cronyism in the Governor's office. We documented that 21% of Perry's \$100 million war chest came from people he appointed to public office.
- ✓ Forced inaccessible campaign finance data onto the Internet.
- ✓ Exposed secretive campaign spending by Empower Texans, prompting 'dark-money' disclosure reforms.
- ✓ Took legal action to force Attorney General Greg Abbott to make Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht pay a six-year-old ethics fine.
- ✓ Filed a criminal complaint calling for Attorney General-Elect Ken Paxton to be prosecuted for securities law violations.
- ✓ TPJ stopped law firms with cases before the Supreme Court from paying the salaries of the justices' clerks.



TPJ's Ongoing Mission

We're an Austin-based non-profit that organized in 1997 to take on political corruption and corporate abuses in Texas. Through intensive research and public advocacy we spark and influence policy debates on political reform, consumer protection, civil justice and corporate accountability.

Generous financial support from progressive individuals and foundations allows Texans for Public Justice to keep pressing for accountability and open government. TPJ leads the way in framing policy battles over corporations that dip into the public purse. TPJ exposes cronyism and confronts corruption.

Texans for Public Justice Priorities:

Demanding Political Accountability.

TPJ blows the whistle on government and corporate corruption. This scrutiny has a preemptive effect. Politicians behave better when they know somebody's watching.

Analyzing Campaign and Lobby Spending.

TPJ analyzes gigabytes of lobby and campaign-finance data. It's *the go-to source* for citizens and the media investigating how special interests skew public policy.

Muckraking Investigative Reporting.

Our *Lobby Watch* newsletter reveals special-interest power plays as they unfold. Major TPJ reports expose the agendas of special interests ranging from payday lending to privatization power grabs. TPJ's muckraking has driven 16 years of ethics and transparency reforms.

Advocating Transparency & Anti-Corruption.

TPJ spearheads anti-corruption and transparency reforms. We fight for better campaign disclosure, fewer conflicts of interest, judicial-selection reform, curtailing corporate subsidies and slowing the privatization of public assets.



TPJ Director Craig McDonald began his career as a community organizer in the 1970s. Craig ran Washington's Congress Watch and launched the Texas office of Public Citizen before founding TPJ. TPJ's board of directors includes two other Public Citizen veterans; a former aide to the late Gov. Ann Richards; and TPJ Research Director Andrew Wheat.

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