

## APPENDIX A: Clinton Appointed Judge

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CIR's investigation of Bush-appointed judges also turned up campaign contributions in the name of a Clinton-appointed judge while he was sitting on the federal bench. [Canon 7](#) of the official Code of Conduct for United States Judges says that: "A Judge Should Refrain From Political Activity." Specifically, it says, "A judge should not...solicit funds for or pay an assessment or make a contribution to a political organization or candidate, attend political gatherings, or purchase tickets for political party dinners, or other functions."

### **Pregerson, Dean D.**

U. S. District Court, Central District of California

**Nominated:** January 26, 1996 **Confirmed:** July 24, 1996

**Summary:** On the recommendation of Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), President Clinton nominated Pregerson in 1996. His father, Harry Pregerson, was appointed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President Carter. The following are contributions in Dean Pregerson's name while he was sitting on the federal bench:

- March 15, 1999: Nick Walters, a Republican candidate for Mississippi Secretary of State, [receives \\$500](#) from Dean Pregerson of Pacific Palisades, CA. State records list the donor's occupation as "Federal Judge, US District Court, Los Angeles"
- May 19, 2000: Brian Schweitzer, a Montana Democrat who was then running for Senate and is currently Governor, [receives \\$250](#) from Dean Pregerson of Pacific Palisades, CA. Federal records list the donor's occupation as "Federal Judge."
- February 25, 2002: Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-DE) receives a [\\$1,000 donation](#) from Dean D. Pregerson of Pacific Palisades, CA. Federal records list the donor's occupation as an attorney with Bergman & Wedner. Pregerson worked for Bergman & Wedner from 1986 to 1988, according to the employment history he provided the Senate at the time of his nomination. Pregerson had previously contributed to Sen. Biden when Pregerson was employed by Bergman & Wedner. The Biden campaign used the old employer information from its files, according to Pregerson's office.

### **Judge's Comment (phone calls from judge's assistant, Eugenia Paquet):**

*Regarding all contributions:* "He just wanted to let you know that any contributions that are made, they are made through his wife and by his wife and through a joint checking account. He just wanted to thank you for getting this information to him and looking into this information. In his eyes this is a closed matter and he doesn't want to have any more communication with you."

*Regarding contributions listing donor as federal judge:* "From his wife's recollection, I guess they ask you your employer information. Some of these contributions were made when she was unemployed, so in that situation, rather than listing unemployed she would just list Judge Pregerson."

**Note:** Pregerson's wife, Sharon D. Pregerson, has made numerous contributions in her name over the years, listing herself as "homemaker" or "not employed." Examples are [here](#) and [here](#).