

U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

☑ This symbol denoted judges who contributed to key Republicans while under consideration for a judgeship.

1st CIRCUIT: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island

Howard, Jeffrey R.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (NH)

Nominated: August 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** April 23, 2002

Summary: Howard headed Lawyers for Bush in New Hampshire, serving as legal counsel and a member of the steering and finance committees for the 2000 Bush campaign in New Hampshire. A former state attorney general and U.S. Attorney, Howard also ran an unsuccessful campaign in 2000 for the Republican nomination for governor. Between 1999 and 2000, Howard gave \$1,000 to Bush, \$3,200 to the New Hampshire Republican State Committee, and \$1,000 to national Republican committees. Also, \$3,700 worth of donations in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Howard were made to the New Hampshire Republican State Committee.

2nd CIRCUIT: Connecticut, New York, Vermont

Hall, Peter W.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (VT)

Nominated: December 9, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 24, 2004

Summary: Between 1993-1999, Hall gave \$2,000 to Sen. Jim Jeffords, who was then Republican and is now an independent. Hall later was appointed U.S. Attorney by President Bush. He was recommended to Bush for a judgeship by Republican Gov. Jim Douglas, with whom Hall had worked on law enforcement issues. Hall gave \$750 to Douglas' unsuccessful run for Senate in 1992. Hall also gave \$375 to the Republican National Committee in 1993.

Parker, Barrington Daniels Jr.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (CT)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** October 11, 2001

Summary: Parker was appointed U.S. District Judge of the Southern District of New York by President Clinton in 1994. Between 1989-1992, Parker gave \$7,500 in federal contributions to Democrats, including \$1,500 to Sen. Joe Lieberman and \$1,000 to Sen. Chris Dodd, both of Connecticut.

Wesley, Richard C.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (NY)

Nominated: March 5, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 11, 2003

Summary: Wesley is a close friend and former colleague in the state assembly of Gov. George Pataki. Pataki, a Republican, picked Wesley for New York's highest court. Wesley's wife, Kathryn Wesley, contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999. She also gave \$1,120 to Pataki in 1997-1998, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Reena Raggi

3rd CIRCUIT: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands

Fisher, D. Michael

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (PA)

Nominated: May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** December 9, 2003

Summary: Pennsylvania's attorney general from 1997-2003 and state senator before that, Fisher was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor in 2002. At his confirmation hearing, Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) called him "a mentor of mine from the very early days." He was recommended to the President by Santorum and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA). Fisher gave \$250 to Specter in 1989 and \$500 to Santorum in 1994.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judges: Michael A. Chagares, D. Brooks Smith, Franklin Stuart Van Antwerpen

4th CIRCUIT: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

Duncan, Allyson Kay

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (NC)

Nominated: April 28, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 17, 2003

Summary: Duncan, a former lawyer in private practice, contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999 and \$1,000 to Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) in 2002, a year before she was nominated. Duncan contributed another \$1,750 to Republican congressional candidates between 1998-2002. She was also a state judge in the past.

Gregory, Roger L.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (VA)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 20, 2001

Summary: Gregory was directly appointed to the Fourth Circuit in 2000 by President Clinton, using a "recess appointment" that temporarily bypasses the need for Senate confirmation. President Bush then also nominated Gregory and he was confirmed. Gregory was the law partner of L. Douglas Wilder, the former Democratic governor of Virginia and current mayor of Richmond. Gregory gave a few thousand dollars to Wilder's brief bids for president and Senate from 1991-1994.

Shedd, Dennis W.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (SC)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 19, 2002

Summary: Shedd was appointed to the U.S. District Court in South Carolina by former President Bush in 1990. He was recommended to the 4th Circuit by former Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC). Shedd worked on Thurmond's staff out of law school and served as the Senate Judiciary Committee's chief counsel and staff director under Thurmond. He had served as treasurer to Thurmond's reelection campaign from 1988-1990.

5th CIRCUIT: Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas

Clement, Edith Brown

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (LA)

Nominated: September 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 13, 2001

Summary: Clement was appointed U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana by former President Bush in 1991. Her husband, Rutledge C. Clement, Jr., contributed \$2,000 to George W. Bush's 2000 campaign. Between 1999-2001, he also gave \$1,500 to Sen. David Vitter, R-LA, who was then a member of the House of Representatives.

Owen, Priscilla Richman

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (TX)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** May 25, 2005

Summary: Formerly a justice on the Texas Supreme Court, Owen contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Edward Charles Prado

6th CIRCUIT: Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee

Cook, Deborah L.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (OH)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** May 5, 2003

Summary: After initially being nominated by President Bush in 2001, Cook and her husband, Robert Linton, continued to contribute regularly to Senators DeWine and Voinovich and other Republicans. After she was nominated, Cook – an Ohio Supreme Court Justice at the time - gave \$1,000 to Voinovich and \$1,500 to Ohio Gov. Bob Taft, both of whom had urged the President to nominate her. After she took a seat on the federal appeals court, Cook continued to make political contributions, an apparent violation of the Code of Conduct for U.S. Judges. On December 7, 2005, DeWine registered an \$800 contribution from Cook, who is identified on the campaign filing as a *district* court judge named Deborah Linton, her married name. DeWine reimbursed the contribution three weeks later. Brian Seitchik, a spokesperson for DeWine's campaign, confirmed that the donation was returned because it came from a sitting judge, and returning it was "the prudent thing to do." Overall, Cook made more than \$10,000 in federal campaign contributions to Republicans since 1992, including \$2,500 to DeWine and \$1,000 to Bush. Meanwhile, Linton gave Sen. DeWine \$4,000 while his wife's nomination was pending in the Senate. He gave Bush \$2,000 after she was confirmed, as well as \$25,000 to a fundraising committee operated by Sen. Voinovich. Separately, from 1997 to 2002, Cook and her husband combined to give \$12,000 in state contributions to Bob Taft, the governor who recommended her for the appeals court.

Chronology:

- 1999: President Bush receives \$1,000 each from Cook and husband Bob Linton.
- 2000: Cook contributes \$1,000 to DeWine and \$2,700 to the Ohio Republican Party.
- February 6, 2001: Ohio Gov. Taft confirms that he has spoken with Cook about the court vacancy and that he supports her, according to the Dayton Daily News.
- February 14, 2001: Voinovich receives \$1,000 contributions from both Cook and her husband.
- **May 9, 2001: Cook is nominated.**
- June 17, 2001: Linton gives \$1,000 to Gov. Taft.
- **February 20, 2002: Voinovich receives \$1,000 from Cook.**
- February 25, 2002: DeWine receives \$2,000 from Linton.
- May 15, 2002: Taft receives \$1,000 from Linton.
- June 17, 2002: Taft receives \$1,500 from Linton.
- **August 31, 2002: Taft receives a \$1,500 contribution from Cook.**
- January 29, 2003: Confirmation hearing for Cook.
- January 31, 2003: Voinovich registers a \$1,000 contribution from Linton.
- February 19, 2003: DeWine receives \$2,000 from Linton.
- **May 5, 2003: Cook is confirmed.**
- June 26, 2003: President Bush's campaign receives \$2,000 from Linton.
- June 30, 2003: Voinovich registers a \$1,000 contribution from Linton.
- July 2004: Linton contributes \$25,000 to a Voinovich campaign committee.

- **January 6, 2004: Cook contributes \$500 to a Republican Ohio Supreme Court candidate.**
- December 7, 2005: DeWine registers an \$800 contribution from Cook, who is identified on the contribution as Deborah Linton, U.S. District Court Judge. **The check is refunded on Dec. 28.**

Judge Comment (fax): In response to repeated requests for comment, Judge Cook’s chambers faxed an unattributed, one-sentence, handwritten reply. It said, “Campaigns attributed contributions from Robert Linton to Deborah Cook.” Two written requests to Cook seeking further clarification were not answered.

[Click here](#) to see her fax response.

Note: For the [Feb. 20, 2002 donation](#) to Sen. Voinovich, federal records identify the donor as “The Honorable Deborah L. Cook.” For the Aug. 31, 2002 donation to Gov. Taft, state records identify the donor as Deborah Cook, “Ohio Supreme Court Judge.” For the Jan. 6, 2004 contribution to a state candidate, records identify the donor as Deborah Cook, “6th Circuit Court of Appeals.” For the [Dec. 7, 2005 contribution](#) to Sen. DeWine, records identify the donor as “Deborah Linton,” employer “U.S. District Court,” occupation “Judge.” The federal campaign contribution records can be viewed [here](#). The state contribution records can be viewed [here](#).

Gibbons, Julia Smith

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (TN)

Nominated: October 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 29, 2002

Summary: Gibbons was formerly appointed U.S. District Judge of the Western District of Tennessee by President Reagan. From 1979-1981, she served as deputy counsel and legal advisor to current Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) when he was Governor. Then-Gov. Alexander also appointed Gibbons to a state judgeship in 1981. Her husband, Bill Gibbons, gave \$200 to the Tennessee Republican Party in 2000 and \$1,000 to Alexander in 1995.

McKeague, David William

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (MI)

Nominated: November 8, 2001 | **Confirmed:** June 9, 2005

Summary: McKeague was appointed U.S. District Judge of the Western District of Michigan by former President Bush in 1992. Before that, he served as general counsel of the State Central Committee of the Michigan Republican Party. He was state co-chairman for the Bush/Quayle Victory 1988 Committee. McKeague gave \$1,000 to the Michigan Republican State Committee in 1990. His wife, Nancy McKeague, gave \$1,000 to President Bush’s 2000 campaign.

Rogers, John M.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (KY)

Nominated: December 19, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 14, 2002

Summary: A former law school professor at the University of Kentucky, Rodgers first formally expressed interest in a judicial nomination to Sen. Mitch McConnell in November 2000. In February 2001, he met with McConnell and his staff about a position on the Sixth Circuit. That month, on February 20, McConnell received a \$250 contribution from Rogers. Sen. Bunning also received a \$250 contribution from Rogers in March 2001. Overall, since 1989, Rogers gave \$4,000 in federal campaign contributions, including \$500 to Bunning and \$1,000 each to McConnell, Bush and the Republican Party of Kentucky. Rogers’ wife, Xiong Ying Juan, gave \$250 to McConnell in Aug. 2005.

Chronology:

- November 2000: Rogers writes to Sen. McConnell expressing interest in a judicial appointment, or a position with the State or Justice departments.
- February 2001: McConnell and his staff meet with Rodgers about a potential judicial appointment.
- Feb. 20, 2001: McConnell receives a \$250 contribution from Rogers.
- March 9, 2001: Bunning registers a \$250 contribution from Rogers.

Sutton, Jeffrey S.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (OH)

Nominated: May 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** April 29, 2003

Summary: Sutton, a former lawyer in private practice, contributed \$1,000 to President Bush in September 1999.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Richard Allen Griffin

7th CIRCUIT: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Diane S. Sykes

8th CIRCUIT: Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

Benton, William Duane

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (MO)

Nominated: February 12, 2004 | **Confirmed:** June 24, 2004

Summary: Benton was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court in 1991 by then-Gov. John Ashcroft, the former U.S. Attorney General. Ashcroft also appointed him director of the Missouri Department of Revenue. Benton served as an attorney for the Missouri Republican Party and vice-chair of his county Republican committee in the 1980s. Between 1989-1991, Benton gave \$1,500 to Sen. Christopher “Kit” Bond (R-MO) and \$650 to the Missouri Republican State Committee.

Colloton, Steven M.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (IA)

Nominated: February 12, 2003 | **Confirmed:** September 4, 2003

Summary: Colloton contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999. Bush appointed Colloton U.S. Attorney in 2001. Colloton had served as executive director of Lawyers for Bush-Cheney in Iowa, and helped monitor vote counting in the 2000 election on behalf of the state Republican Party. In the mid 1990s, he worked with Kenneth Starr as associate independent counsel in investigating the Clinton Administration.

Gruender, Raymond W.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (MO)

Nominated: September 29, 2003 | **Confirmed:** May 20, 2004

Summary: Gruender contributed \$500 in 1999 to Bush, who appointed him U.S. Attorney in 2001. Gruender served as Missouri legal counsel to Bush’s presidential campaign in 1999. Gruender also gave \$250 each to Sen. Kit Bond and John Ashcroft between 1998-1999, and \$500 to former Texas GOP Sen. Phil Gramm in 1995. Gruender served as officer and director of GOP Sen. Jim Talent’s campaign for governor in 2000 and state executive director of the 1996 Dole-Kemp presidential campaign.

Riley, William J.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (NE)

Nominated: May 23, 2001 | **Confirmed:** August 2, 2001

Summary: Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) interviewed Riley, an Omaha attorney, about a district court vacancy in February 2001, according to the Omaha World Herald. The following month, Riley gave \$250 to the National Republican Congressional Committee, which is dedicated to electing Republicans to the House of Representatives. Riley had given the committee \$750 in 2000. Overall, Riley gave more than \$5,000 in federal contributions to Republicans between 1994-2001, including \$500 to Bush in 2000 and \$250 to Sen. Hagel in 1996. Riley’s wife, Norma, gave Bush’s reelection campaign \$1,000 in 2003 and \$1,000 in 2004.

Chronology:

February 2001: Sen. Hagel interviews Riley about a district court vacancy, according to the Omaha World Herald.
March 12, 2001: The National Republican Congressional Committee receives \$250 from Riley.

☑ Smith, Lavenski R.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (AR)

Nominated: May 22, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 15, 2002

Summary: After Smith publicly acknowledged he was undergoing an FBI background check for a potential judicial nomination, he gave \$1,000 to then-Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-AR), who had recommended him to the President for a judgeship. The donation, apparently Smith's first federal contribution since at least 1990, came three weeks before Bush announced his nomination. After the nomination, Smith gave \$250 to Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee, according to state records. Huckabee had recommended Smith to Hutchinson, according to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Before Smith reached the federal bench, Huckabee had appointed him to the Arkansas Supreme Court and the state Public Service Commission. Smith also gave \$2,750 to the Arkansas Republican Party in March 2000, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics. A June 2, 2002 story in the Democrat-Gazette reported that many of the people Hutchinson recommended for presidential appointments, including Smith, had contributed to Hutchinson's campaign. Hutchinson said in the article that he doesn't keep track of who, among those he recommended, gave him money, and that the donations are so small they couldn't influence a senator.

Chronology:

- April 12, 2001: The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports that the FBI is conducting a background check on Smith in preparation for a potential judicial appointment. (Sen. Hutchinson had recommended Smith to the President.)
- May 3, 2001: Hutchinson receives \$1,000 from Smith.
- May 22, 2001: Bush announces his nomination of Smith.
- Dec. 1, 2001: GOP Gov. Mike Huckabee, who recommended Smith to Hutchinson, receives \$250 from Smith.

Judge Comment (email): "Your facts are mostly accurate. However, as I recall, the \$2,750.00 was a filing fee to run for the state appellate judgeship I campaigned for in 2000. Neither Senator Hutchinson nor Governor Huckabee ever intimated directly or indirectly that some kind of contribution was expected from me in order to be nominated. In each case, I gave to support the re-election of people I trusted to be good public servants. The proximity of the timing between my donations and my nomination was largely coincidental. The selection process began months earlier than May and only the White House knew or controlled when or even if a nomination would be made. Until nominated, potential nominees should retain their full first amendment rights to participate politically as ordinary citizens."

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judges: Michael Joseph Melloy, Bobby E. Shepherd

9th CIRCUIT: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Washington**Bea, Carlos T.**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (CA)

Nominated: April 11, 2003 | **Confirmed:** September 29, 2003

Summary: Bea contributed \$500 to President Bush in 1999 as a state judge. He also gave \$500 to a Republican candidate for Congress in 2000. His wife, Louise, gave \$2,000 to Bush in March 2004, as well as \$500 in 1999. She also gave \$2,000 to South Dakota GOP Sen. John Thune's 2004 campaign.

Bybee, Jay S.

Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (NV)

Nominated: January 7, 2003 | **Confirmed:** March 13, 2003

Summary: Bybee was previously Assistant Attorney General under President Bush and an associate White House counsel to former President Bush. Bybee served as co-chair of Nevada Lawyers for Bush-Cheney during the 2000 campaign.

Callahan, Consuelo Maria

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (CA)

Nominated: February 12, 2003 | **Confirmed:** May 22, 2003

Summary: Callahan contributed \$500 to the federal account of the California Republican Party in 2000, while she was a state judge. She also gave \$250 to former President Bush in 1992.

Clifton, Richard R.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Hawaii)

Nominated: June 22, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 18, 2002

Summary: Former counsel to the Hawaii Republican Party, Clifton made about \$25,000 in federal contributions to Republicans from 1990-2001. Among his donations, he gave \$1,000 to the Hawaii GOP in February 2001, after he had expressed interest in a judicial appointment to officials with the Hawaii GOP and the Bush-Cheney campaign. Overall, Clifton gave nearly \$10,000 to Hawaii Republican Party, as well as \$700 to Bush. The Hawaii GOP backed his candidacy, while the state's Democratic Senators, and the governor at the time, initially did not. Clifton also gave thousands in state contributions to Republicans, including \$2,600 to Linda Lingle, who, as chair of the state GOP at the time, endorsed his nomination. Previously, Clifton had served as attorney to Lingle's unsuccessful 1998 gubernatorial campaign. Lingle is now governor. Among his state contributions, Clifton gave \$165 to a Republican political action committee while he was under consideration for the judgeship, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics.

Chronology:

- July 17, 2000: President Bush registers a \$700 contribution from Clifton.
- December 2000 – January 2001: Clifton expresses interest in a judicial appointment to officials affiliated with the Hawaii Republican Party and the Bush-Cheney campaign.
- February 9, 2001: The Hawaii Republican Party receives \$1,000 from Clifton.
- March 2001: Clifton is invited to a White House interview.
- May 25, 2001: A political action committee supporting state Republican candidates called "GOP HOUSE PAC" registers a \$165 donation from Clifton.

Ikuta, Sandra Segal

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (CA)

Nominated: February 8, 2006 | **Confirmed:** June 19, 2006

Summary: Ikuta contributed \$750 to the Republican National Committee in 2003, while working in private practice. In 2004, Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to be deputy secretary and general counsel of the California Resources Agency.

Smith, Milan Dale Jr.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (CA)

Nominated: February 14, 2006 | **Confirmed:** May 16, 2006

Summary: In October 2001, the same month Smith was interviewing with the White House Counsel, he gave \$1,000 to Oregon GOP Sen. Gordon Smith, who is his brother. While working in private practice, Milan Smith also gave \$1,000 to Bush in 1999 and \$1,000 to Matt Fong, a Republican candidate for Senate in 1998. Smith's wife, Kathleen Crane, also contributed \$1,000 each to Bush and Sen. Smith, as well as \$250 to Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore in 1999.

Chronology:

- April 2001: Smith interviews with White House Counsel Alberto Gonzalez.
- October 2001: Smith again meets with the White House Counsel.
- Oct. 15, 2001: Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR) receives \$1,000 from Milan Smith, who is his brother.

10th CIRCUIT: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming

Gorsuch, Neil M.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (CO)

Nominated: May 10, 2006 | **Confirmed:** July 20, 2006

Summary: Gorsuch gave \$2,000 to President Bush in 2003, and \$250 in 2000, while in private practice. He also gave \$250 to the Republican National Committee in 2004; \$250 to Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) in 2000 and \$300 to Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN) in 1999. Gorsuch worked in the Justice Department from 2005 until being nominated to the federal bench. In the past, he was involved with groups such as “Lawyers for Bush-Cheney.”

Hartz, Harris L

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (New Mexico)

Nominated: June 21, 2001 | **Confirmed:** December 6, 2001

Summary: After the Albuquerque Tribune reported that Hartz had confirmed his interest in a federal judgeship, Hartz gave \$200 to Sen. Domenici. Domenici recommended Hartz to Bush. Hartz was a lawyer in private practice at the time, and before that served as a state judge. Overall, between 1995-2001, Hartz gave \$1,000 to Bush, \$1,500 to the Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, \$950 to GOP Rep. Heather Wilson and \$400 to Domenici. His wife, Deborah Hartz, gave \$500 to Bush in 1999, \$200 to the New Mexico Republican committee in 2003, and \$1,000 to Rep. Wilson in 2006.

Chronology:

- Jan. 15, 2001: Albuquerque Tribune reports that Hartz has confirmed his interest in a federal judgeship.
- Feb. 7, 2001: Domenici receives \$200 from Hartz.

Holmes, Jerome A.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (OK)

Nominated: May 4, 2006 | **Confirmed:** July 25, 2006

Summary: While a pending nominee to the federal bench, Holmes gave \$400 to Republican Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole. When he gave the money in March and May of 2006, Holmes had already been nominated to a district judgeship and had discussed with the White House the possibility of an appointment to the appellate bench instead. Overall, Holmes has made more than \$3,000 in federal contributions since 2002, most of it while he was an assistant U.S. attorney. His previous contributions included another \$1,200 to Cole, and \$700 each to a Republican and a Democrat running for Senate. Holmes also gave \$200 to President Bush in 2004. At the state level, Holmes gave \$350 to state candidates after his initial February 2006 nomination, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics.

Chronology:

- February 14, 2006: Bush nominates Holmes to be a federal district court judge.
- March 2006: With his district nomination pending, Holmes talks to the White House about a vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- March 31, 2006: Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., registers a \$200 contribution from Holmes.
- May 1, 2006: Cole receives another \$200 contribution from Holmes.
- May 4, 2006: Bush nominates Holmes instead to the Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

McConnell, Michael W.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (UT)

Nominated: September 4, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 15, 2002

Summary: McConnell, a former law professor at the University of Utah, contributed \$1,000 to Bush in June 2000. Also in 2000, McConnell contributed \$800 to Sen. Orin Hatch (R-UT), \$300 to Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), and \$300 to New York Senate candidate Rick Lazio. McConnell was a member of Law Professors for Bush-Cheney.

☑ **Tymkovich, Timothy M.**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (CO)

Nominated: May 25, 2001 | **Confirmed:** April 1, 2003

Summary: Tymkovich expressed interest in a judicial nomination to the White House in January 2000, while working as a Denver attorney in private practice. A year later, in January 2001, he contributed \$250 to Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO). After Tymkovich was nominated by Bush in May 2001, he gave an additional \$750 to Allard in June. Those donations appear to be his only federal contributions since at least 1990. Tymkovich also gave \$225 to state-level Republicans, including Gov. Bill Owens, after his nomination. Prior to working in private practice, Tymkovich was Colorado's solicitor general under then-attorney general Gale Ann Norton. When Norton became Pres. Bush's Interior Secretary, Tymkovich turned down an offer for a top spot in the department, according to news accounts. He also served as general counsel to the Colorado Republican Party from 1998 till January 2001.

Chronology:

- January 2000: Tymkovich expressed his interest in the judgeship to the White House Counsel.
- Jan. 8, 2001: Sen. Allard receives \$250 from Tymkovich.
- May 25, 2001: Bush nominates Tymkovich.
- May 31, 2001: Republican Gov. Bill Owens receives \$125 from Tymkovich.
- June 16, 2001: Allard receives \$250 from Tymkovich.
- June 30, 2001: Allard receives \$500 from Tymkovich.
- Sept. 30, 2002: A Republican state legislator running for re-election receives \$100 from Tymkovich.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Terrence L. O'Brien

11th CIRCUIT: Alabama, Florida, Georgia

Pryor, William Holcombe Jr.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (AL)

Nominated: April 9, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 9, 2005

Summary: Pryor was Alabama's attorney general until Bush named him to the appellate court on Feb. 20, 2004 using a "recess appointment," which temporarily bypasses the need for Senate confirmation. Pryor was confirmed by the Senate in 2005. Pryor gave \$1,000 to Bush in 1999 and \$1,000 to Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) in 2001. Pryor was a co-founder and past chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association. He served as state co-chairman of Bush's 2000 campaign and as a Bush delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was also a volunteer "attorney-advisor" to Sen. Session's 1994 campaign for attorney general. His wife, Kristan W. Pryor, contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 2000.

D.C. CIRCUIT

Brown, Janice Rogers

U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit (CA)

Nominated: July 25, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 8, 2005

Summary: In the early 1990s, Brown served as legal affairs secretary to then-Gov. Pete Wilson of California, who appointed her to a state appellate court and later to the California Supreme Court.

Griffith, Thomas Beall

U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit (UT)

Nominated: May 10, 2004 | **Confirmed:** June 14, 2005

Summary: In the summer of 1999, Griffith discussed with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) his interest in an appellate judgeship. The following spring, Griffith hosted a fundraising breakfast for Sen. Hatch's bid for President. Griffith did not interview with the White House concerning a judgeship until 2003, after which he again spoke with Hatch. According to news accounts, Hatch is a good friend of Griffith and tried to push his nomination through the Senate Judiciary Committee while Hatch was chairman. Griffith eventually was approved by the committee under Chairman Arlen Specter (R-PA). Griffith served as counsel to the Senate during the impeachment trial of President Clinton, later working as general counsel for Brigham Young University. In 1992 and 2000, Griffith served as a volunteer for Lawyers for Bush. He gave \$250 to former Vice President Dan Quayle in 1999 and, according to his Senate questionnaire, gave money to the 2000 Bush campaign.

Chronology:

- Summer 1999: Griffith talks to Sen. Hatch about his interest in being a federal appeals court judge.
- Spring 2000: Griffith hosts a fundraising breakfast for Sen. Hatch's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Kavanaugh, Brett M.

U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit (MD)

Nominated: July 25, 2003 | **Confirmed:** May 26, 2006

Summary: Kavanaugh gave \$2,000 to a Republican candidate for Congress from Georgia in December 2003, after his nomination. Kavanaugh served as associate counsel to the President from 2001-2003 and White House Staff Secretary from 2003 until his judicial appointment. He was also a regional coordinator for the group Lawyers for Bush-Cheney 2000, and traveled to Florida in November 2000 to participate in the election recount. In the 1990s, Kavanaugh served as associate counsel in Kenneth Starr's Office of Independent Counsel and helped draft the report to Congress outlining possible grounds of impeachment. Overall, from 1999-2003, Kavanaugh gave \$5,250 in federal contributions to Republicans, including \$1000 to Bush, \$1,000 to the presidential bid of Sen. Orin Hatch (R-UT), and \$500 to the Republican National Committee. He also gave \$1,000 to an unsuccessful Ohio Democrat running for Senate.

Chronology:

- July 25, 2003: Bush nominates Kavanaugh.
- Dec. 24, 2003: A Georgia Republican candidate for Congress, Dylan Glenn, receives \$2,000 from Kavanaugh. Glenn, like Kavanaugh, formerly served on the White House staff.

Federal Circuit

Prost, Sharon

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (DC)

Nominated: May 21, 2001 | **Confirmed:** September 21, 2001

Summary: Prost served as deputy and chief counsel for Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1993 until her judicial appointment. In that role, she worked as the principal legal advisor and legislative strategist to Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), the committee's former chairman. Before that, Prost served Sen. Hatch as chief Republican labor counsel for the Senate's labor and human resources committee.

Moore, Kimberly Ann

U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit (VA)

Nominated: May 18, 2006 | **Confirmed:** September 05, 2006

Summary: Moore, a former law school professor at George Mason University, contributed \$500 to Sen. George Allen (R-VA) in late March 2006, after she had discussions with Bush Administration officials about a potential appointment to the Federal Circuit. Later, in September, Sen. Allen spoke on the Senate floor urging his colleagues to confirm Moore. Moore also contributed \$2,000 to President Bush in 2004. The two donations were apparently Moore's only federal contributions since at least 1990.

Chronology:

- March 2006: Following discussions with the Office of the White House Counsel and the Department of Justice, Moore is informed that Bush intends to nominate her.
- March 31, 2006: Sen. George Allen (R-VA) receives a \$500 contribution from Moore.