

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES: KY → NV

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

KENTUCKY: Sen. Jim Bunning (R), Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)

Bunning, David L.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

Nominated: August 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** February 14, 2002

Summary: Bunning, a former assistant U.S. attorney, is the son of Kentucky GOP Sen. Jim Bunning. He campaigned for his father in the 1980s and 90s, and for George W. Bush in 2000.

Caldwell, Karen K.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

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

Summary: Caldwell, a former U.S. Attorney and lawyer in private practice, contributed more than \$15,000 in federal contributions to Republicans from 1997-2000. The total includes \$1,500 for Bush; \$2,666 for Sen. Bunning; \$500 for Sen. McConnell; \$6,000 for the Kentucky Republican Party; and \$4,000 to former Congressman Ernie Fletcher, whom Caldwell called a “friend” at her confirmation hearing and who is now Kentucky’s Republican governor. Caldwell also has hosted or co-hosted fundraisers for Bush, Bunning, McConnell and Fletcher. Her relationship with Sen. McConnell drew scrutiny in the early 1990s, when she was appointed U.S. Attorney by President George H.W. Bush on the recommendation of McConnell, who she was dating at the time. Caldwell’s husband, Lloyd Cress, also has been a GOP donor. He was named commissioner of the state Environmental Protection Department by Gov. Fletcher, to whose gubernatorial campaign Cress gave \$2,000. In January 2001, Caldwell wrote to Bunning and McConnell about her interest in being a federal judge. The following month, her husband contributed \$1,000 to McConnell. The senators recommended Caldwell to Bush and she interviewed with the White House in March 2001. Overall, Cress contributed over \$8,000 to Republicans in federal contributions from 1998-2003, including \$500 to Bush.

Chronology:

- 2000: Caldwell worked as the state co-chair for Lawyers for Bush and gave more than \$6,000 to Republicans.
- January 2001: Caldwell wrote to Kentucky senators expressing interest in a judgeship.
- February 13, 2001: McConnell receives \$1,000 from Caldwell’s husband, Lloyd Cress.

Van Tatenhove, Gregory Frederick

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

Nominated: September 13, 2005 | **Confirmed:** December 21, 2005

Summary: Van Tatenhove, a former staffer to Sen. McConnell, worked for McConnell’s reelection campaign in 1990 and went on to become chief of staff and legal counsel to Republican Congressman Ron Lewis from 1994 to 2001. Bush appointed him U.S. Attorney in 2001. Since then, Van Tatenhove contributed \$500 to Sen. McConnell in 2002 and his wife, Jane Van Tatenhove, contributed \$250 to Sen. Bunning in Oct. 2004.

> No federal campaign contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Danny C. Reeves

LOUISIANA: Sen. Mary Landrieu (D), Sen. David Vitter (R)

Africk, Lance M.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Nominated: January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** April 17, 2002

Summary: A former U.S. magistrate judge, Africk was the subject of some controversy during his confirmation process because of intimations that he switched parties to help secure a judgeship. Africk changed from Republican to Democrat when former President Clinton was elected, and then reregistered as a Republican the day after former Vice President Al Gore conceded the 2000 election to President Bush, according to the New Orleans Times-Picayune. At the time of his nomination, Africk told the paper, "I would like to think that the choice was made on quality, temperament and integrity." Africk's wife, Diane, gave \$250 to the Democratic National Committee in 1992 and \$500 to Democrat Sen. Joe Lieberman in 1993.

Drell, Dee D.

U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Nominated: January 15, 2003 | **Confirmed:** April 9, 2003

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Drell gave \$300 to the unsuccessful campaign of former GOP Rep. Clyde Holloway in April 2002, after submitting an application for the judgeship in February 2002. Drell also worked as a local coordinator on a Republican campaign in 1990 and 1991.

Judge's Comment (email): "Briefly, former Congressman Holloway is from this area, and had decided to run again in 2002 for a seat being vacated by Congressman Cooksey, who ran for, but was defeated for, the Senate, that same year. There were seven candidates in the Congressional race. Congressman Holloway ran third and did not make the run-off. In no way could he have influenced the nomination process for this position. I say that because the pre-nomination process of meeting local congressmen and senators would be clearly complete (one way or the other) well before the November election. Indeed, if I remember correctly, the White House already had the list of those applying well before August 2002. Congressman Cooksey finished third as well, with 14% of the vote. I would not have given any contribution to Holloway if I had even the slightest inkling of a possible appearance of influence. In addition, both of our senators (the ones who would be voting on my successful nomination) were Democrats. By the way, no one ever even suggested that, in such an early stage of the nomination process, it would be inappropriate to give small campaign contributions. Your letter was the first I had ever heard of this notion. Now also, I don't want to be glib in any way, but do you suppose a \$300 contribution would REALLY result in swaying a candidate to support a nomination, even if one could argue that the contribution was inappropriate? The stuff that you and I see in the press on influence buying is usually thousands of dollars or more."

Engelhardt, Kurt D.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Nominated: August 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** December 11, 2001

Summary: Engelhardt, a former lawyer in private practice, has deep ties to Sen. Vitter and was his campaign treasurer when Vitter began pushing for him to be receive a judgeship. Vitter was a member of the House of Representatives at the time, and both of the state's senators were Democrats. Engelhardt, who also represented Vitter in litigation and chaired his campaign for state representative in the 1990s, gave Vitter \$2,000 in 1999. He contributed another \$1,000 in 2001, after Vitter pushed forward his candidacy for a judgeship by coordinating meetings with members of the Louisiana congressional delegation. Engelhardt also gave \$2,000 to the Louisiana Republican Party in 2000. Engelhardt and his wife, Ann Engelhardt, each contributed \$1,000 to President Bush in 1999. His wife contributed an additional \$4,250 to Vitter between 1999-2005.

Chronology:

- January-February 2001: Engelhardt meets with Louisiana delegation about a potential nomination, discussions organized through Sen. Vitter, then a member of the House.
- March 26, 2001: Vitter receives \$1,000 each from Engelhardt and his wife.
- April 2001: With the Louisiana delegation's backing, Engelhardt was interviewed by the White House.

Hicks, S. Maurice Jr.

U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Nominated: September 12, 2002 | **Confirmed:** May 19, 2003

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Hicks actively campaigned for GOP Rep. Jim McCrery from 1987 till the time of his nomination. Hicks served as a close advisor to McCrery and as a member of the McCrery campaign's steering and finance committees. He gave McCrery \$3,500 from 1990 to 1994, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. McCrery initiated Hicks' judicial nomination by submitting his name to Louisiana's Republican congressional delegation, which later recommended Hicks to President Bush. Hicks contributed \$2,000 to the Louisiana Republican Party and \$250 to the national Republican National Committee between 2001-2002. His wife, Glynda Hicks, gave \$1,000 to Sen. Vitter's campaign in 2004.

Minaldi, Patricia Head

U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Nominated: January 15, 2003 | **Confirmed:** May 6, 2003

Summary: A former state judge, Minaldi gave the Louisiana Republican Party \$500 from her state judicial campaign fund in 2001, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics. Her husband, Thad Minaldi, gave more than \$5,000 in federal contributions to Democrats and Republicans from 2000-2006, including \$1,000 to Bush in 2000 and \$3,050 to the Republican National Committee. One of her husband's numerous \$500 contributions to the RNC came on Jan. 16, 2003, the day after Judge Minaldi was nominated by Bush.

 Zainey, Jay C.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Nominated: October 10, 2001 | **Confirmed:** February 11, 2002

Summary: Just after his nomination, Zainey gave \$1,000 to Republican Billy Tauzin, who was then a member of the Louisiana congressional delegation that backed his nomination. At Zainey's confirmation hearing, Tauzin strongly recommended him, calling Zainey "a long-time friend of mine." Overall, Zainey, a former lawyer in private practice, provided \$10,500 in federal contributions from 1999-2001, including \$1,000 to President Bush, \$2,000 to the Louisiana Republican Party, \$3,000 to then-Representative Vitter and \$2,000 to Tauzin. In the past, Zainey helped manage the campaign of a Democrat Senate candidate and also the 1999 congressional campaign of a former Republican governor. Meanwhile, Zainey's wife, Joy Zainey, contributed an additional \$3,000 to Republican candidates from 1999-2000, including \$1,000 to Bush and \$1,000 to Tauzin.

Chronology:

- Dec. 17, 2000: The New Orleans Times-Picayune reports that Zainey is among "names circulating for federal judgeships."
- May 3, 2001: GOP Rep. David Vitter receives \$1,000 from Zainey.
- Aug. 29, 2001: Democrat Rep. William Jefferson receives \$500 from Zainey.
- Oct. 10, 2001: With the backing of Louisiana's congressional delegation, Bush nominates Zainey.
- Oct. 22, 2001: GOP Rep. Billy Tauzin receives \$1,000 from Zainey.

MAINE: Sen. Susan Collins (R), Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R)**Woodcock, John A. Jr.**

U.S. District Court, District of Maine

Nominated: March 27, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 12, 2003

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Woodcock contributed \$1,000 to the unsuccessful 2002 campaign of his brother, Timothy Woodcock, who ran for Congress in the Republican primary. Woodcock also contributed \$250 to a Republican candidate for governor in 2002, according to state records. He contributed \$500 to Sen. Collins in 1996, and \$750 to her Republican predecessor.

MARYLAND: Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D), Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D)

Bennett, Richard D.

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated: January 29, 2003 | **Confirmed:** April 9, 2003

Summary: Bennett, formerly an attorney in private practice, was chair of the Maryland Republican Party from 1998-2000 and contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999. As state party chair and delegate to the 2000 Republican National Convention, Bennett worked on behalf of Bush's presidential campaign. After interviewing at the White House in April 2002 for an earlier judicial vacancy, Bennett gave \$250 to the gubernatorial campaign of Bob Ehrlich, \$250 to a county executive candidate and \$60 to a county Republican Party. "I did not view these contributions on state matters to have any effect on my application to be a federal judge. Now Governor Ehrlich and I have been long-time personal friends," Judge Bennett explained in a letter. The county executive "was another long-time friend. These three contributions were certainly not to curry favor with anyone and related to long-time personal friendships." Bennett was informed by the White House Counsel's office in May 2002 that he was not selected for the judgeship. "From that date until July 22, 2002, I considered the matter of my application to be a federal judge closed, as there were no other vacancies on the Court," he wrote. During that period, Bennett gave \$1,000 to Ehrlich, \$250 to Sen. John Sununu (R-NH), and \$1,000 each to the unsuccessful campaigns of two former Republican Maryland Congresswomen, Connie Morella and Helen D. Bentley. Bentley and Morella had backed Bennett's appointment as U.S. Attorney by former President Bush. (Bennett returned to private practice after President Clinton was elected.) On July 22, 2002, Bennett learned that there would be another court vacancy and began to consider reapplying for a judgeship. In August 2002, Bennett gave \$500 to Ehrlich, "based on prior commitments," he wrote. In September 2002, the White House informed Bennett that he had been selected for a nomination and would have to undergo a background check. "Neither I nor any member of my family made any political contributions after that notification," Bennett wrote. Earlier in his career, Bennett was an unsuccessful candidate for state attorney general in 1994 and lieutenant governor in 1998. In 1997, Bennett worked as the Republican chief counsel to a House of Representatives committee investigating campaign contributions from the 1996 election. Bennett resigned from the investigation.

Judge Comment (letter): "I do not believe that anyone in the legal or political community in Maryland would believe that any monetary contributions made by me played any role in my selection as a federal judge. Having said that, I certainly think that my political background did assist my selection, which was still largely based on my active career as a trial lawyer in this Court. This is due to the fact that I had attained a prominent role in the trial bar of this Court, as well as a prominent role in the Maryland Republican Party. Thus, my nomination by President George W. Bush received broad bipartisan support including the strong endorsements of United States Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski."

On giving contributions after applying for a judgeship: "I have chosen to respond to you in this detail as I was certainly sensitive to the appearance of impropriety during these two different periods during which I was under consideration for District Court vacancies...It would be inaccurate to suggest that all my contributions in 2002 were made when I was under consideration for a judgeship. Any contributions made to state campaigns were the result of long-time associations in light of my prominent position in the Maryland Republican Party and were totally unrelated to the selection process in Washington."

On the role of politics in the selection of federal judges: "I think that there will always be some political considerations for Democratic and Republican applicants. However, it is balanced by the advice and consent role of the United States Senate. In my case, as an active federal trial lawyer and prominent Republican, I benefited from the strong support of Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski, who supported me with enthusiasm."

On Bennett's non-partisan credentials: "My non-partisan and measured approach in my legal and political careers was probably best reflected in my successful defense of Democratic State Legislator Tony E. Fulton on political corruption charges in June and July of 2000...Thus, on the day of my confirmation hearing, David Paulson, a spokesman for the Maryland Democratic Party called me 'a lawyer of great integrity.'...In conclusion, it would be hard to separate my active role as a high profile lawyer and a Republican leader prior to my selection as a federal judge. I certainly did not need to make political contributions to curry favor with anyone."

[Click here](#) to view the full letter.

Quarles, William D. Jr.

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated: September 12, 2002 | **Confirmed:** March 12, 2003

Summary: While in private practice, Quarles gave \$450 to Republican congressional candidates in the mid 1990s. He later became a state judge. In 1988, he supported former President George H.W. Bush as a board member of Maryland Lawyers for Bush. He was previously nominated to the federal bench by former President Bush in 1992, but was not confirmed.

Titus, Roger W.

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated: June 18, 2003 | **Confirmed:** November 5, 2003

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Titus contributed \$1,500 in 2002 to Republican congressional candidates, including Connie Morella and Helen Delich Bentley. Titus previously gave \$1,500 to then-Rep. Morella in 1997-2000. Titus also gave \$3,000 in state-level political donations from 2000-2003, including \$250 to the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland in January 2003, according to state records. In April 2003, Titus was invited to interview with the White House Counsel's Office. His wife, Catherine Titus, has contributed \$1,500 to President Bush, including \$500 in November 2004.

Judge Comment (letter): "I have never engaged in any level of significant political activity, and prior to the time that I was notified that I was being considered for a judgeship, my political activities were simply limited to small contributions to persons with whom I am familiar, including candidates of both major parties. All political contributions by me ceased once I was requested to appear for an interview, and no contributions have been made by me subsequent to that date through the present time. From a personal standpoint, I do not believe that political contributions should be made to an appointing authority while under active consideration, and I have made no such contributions."

[Click here](#) for the full letter.

MASSACHUSETTS: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D), Sen. John Kerry (D)**Saylor, F. Dennis IV**

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Nominated: July 30, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 1, 2004

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Saylor gave \$500 to Republican Gov. Mitt Romney's 2002 campaign – the maximum contribution allowed under state law. He also gave \$250 to Romney's running mate. Romney recommended Saylor to the President for the judgeship in April 2003. Saylor also gave \$500 to the Republican National Committee in 2000.

MICHIGAN: Sen. Carl Levin (D), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D)**Cox, Sean F.**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Nominated: September 10, 2004 | **Confirmed:** June 8, 2006

Summary: Cox contributed \$2,000 to Bush in December 2003 while he was a state judge. Cox gave \$790 in state campaign contributions after his nomination, including \$500 to the campaign of his brother, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, according to state records. He also gave nearly \$5,500 in federal contributions to Republicans between 1993-2002, including \$3,000 to former Sen. Spencer Abraham.

Chronology:

- Sept. 10, 2004: Bush nominates Cox.
- Oct. 25, 2004: Local Republican committee receives \$200 from Cox.
- Feb. 14, 2005: Bush re-nominates Cox.
- April 4, 2005: Local Republican committee receives \$90 from Cox.
- Dec. 1, 2005: Cox's brother, Michigan's attorney general, receives \$500 from Cox.

☑ Ludington, Thomas

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Nominated: September 12, 2002 | **Confirmed:** June 8, 2006

Summary: Ludington, a former state judge, gave \$2,400 in federal campaign contributions after his nomination to the federal bench, including \$1,000 to President Bush, \$500 to Republican Congressman Dave Camp and \$900 to a county Republican committee that helps support Camp. Ludington also gave about \$500 to Republicans at the state level after his nomination. Ludington later thanked Rep. Camp, who he has known since childhood, for seeing his nomination "through to confirmation," according to the Associated Press. Ludington has given Camp \$3,350 since 1989. Overall, Ludington gave nearly \$6,000 in federal contributions to Republicans from 1997 to 2006. Ludington's wife, Katrina, also gave \$250 to Bush in 1999.

Chronology:

- Sept. 5, 2002: Rep. Camp receives \$250 from Ludington
- Sept. 12, 2002: Bush nominates Ludington.
- Jan. 07, 2003: Bush re-nominates Ludington.
- March 13, 2003: Midland County Republican Committee receives \$300 from Ludington.
- Nov. 28, 2003: Bush receives \$1,000 from Ludington
- Dec. 8, 2003: Camp receives \$500 from Ludington
- Feb. 14, 2005: Bush renominates Ludington again.
- March 9, 2005: Midland County Republican Committee receives \$300 from Ludington.
- March 23, 2006: Midland County Republican Committee receives \$300 from Ludington.
- June 8, 2006: Ludington confirmed by the Senate.

MINNESOTA: Sen. Norm Coleman (R), Sen. Mark Dayton (D)**Ericksen, Joan N.**

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Nominated: January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** April 25, 2002

Summary: As an attorney in private practice, Ericksen gave \$250 in 1994 to Ann Wynia, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party's candidate for Senate that year. Ericksen later served on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Schiltz, Patrick Joseph

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Nominated: December 14, 2005 | **Confirmed:** April 26, 2006

Summary: A professor and founding dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Schiltz contributed \$1,000 to Sen. Coleman between 2001 and 2004. Schiltz submitted his judgeship application to Coleman on July 25, 2005 and, according to news accounts, Coleman recommended him to the President. Schiltz also contributed \$250 to President Bush in July 2004, and \$250 to the current Republican candidate for Senate, Rep. Mark Kennedy, in June 2005. According to state records, Schiltz gave \$200 to the Republican candidate for governor in 2002. Schiltz was a member of Law Professors for Bush-Cheney in 2000 and 2004, and once served as an aide to a Republican Senator in the 1980s.

Judge Comment (letter): "I think my nomination and confirmation provide pretty good evidence that politics do not always play a role in the selection process for federal judges. The main support for my nomination came from federal judges – both Democratic appointees and Republican appointees...Politics had almost nothing to do with my

nomination, as far as I can tell. Prior to the time I was interviewed, I had never met Senator Coleman, never raised any money for him, never attended any of his campaign events – never even wore one of his buttons or put one of his bumper stickers on my car. The same is true of President Bush. If they were looking to reward political supporters, they could have done a lot better.” On belonging to Law Professors for Bush-Cheney: “That was basically an e-mail address list over which the Bush-Cheney campaign could solicit assistance...from moderate to conservative law professors. I never responded to any such solicitation, though, so I never engaged in any political activity for which I might later be ‘rewarded.’” On campaign contributions by judicial candidates: “I do not know whether it is ‘ethical or appropriate’ to make campaign contributions while one is under consideration for a judgeship. I can only tell you that I was uncomfortable with the idea. I knew that federal judges were forbidden from making political contributions, and I thought that, as someone recommended or nominated for a federal judgeship, I should follow the same practice.”

MISSISSIPPI: Sen. Thad Cochran (R), Sen. Trent Lott (R)

Jordan, Daniel Porter III

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Nominated: April 24, 2006 | **Confirmed:** July 20, 2006

Summary: Jordan, a former lawyer in private practice, campaigned and worked for Sen. Lott in the late 1980s. When he was interested in a judgeship, Jordan contacted Lott, who later recommended Jordan to the President, along with Sen. Cochran. Jordan served as chair of his county Republican Party from 2001-2004 and county chair of Bush’s 2000 campaign. Jordan gave nearly \$1,400 to his former law firm’s political action committee 2003-2006. His last contribution was registered February 1, 2006. The PAC gives to Democrats and Republicans, including Lott. Jordan also gave \$200 to GOP Rep. Chip Pickering in 1996, and served as the county chair of Pickering’s campaign that year. Jordan’s wife, Teri, gave \$250 to the Mississippi Republican Party in 2002.

Judge’s Comment (email): “I’m not sure about the dates, but they sound about right. As for my former firm’s PAC, I would note that my level of contribution was not discretionary. All equity members paid the same amount, and there was a committee that decided how the money was spent. Although I could not tell you who received the contributions, I’m confident that you are correct in noting that the funds were distributed to both of the major parties.”

Mills, Michael P.

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Mississippi

Nominated: July 10, 2001 | **Confirmed:** October 11, 2001

Summary: A former member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, Mills eventually switched from the Democratic Party to the GOP, according to news accounts. Mills gave \$650 to Republican congressional candidates in 1994. He later became a justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court. Both Sens. Lott and Cochran said they had known Mills for years before his nomination.

Starrett, Keith

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Nominated: July 6, 2004 | **Confirmed:** November 21, 2004

Summary: Starrett’s wife, Barbara Starrett, contributed \$500 to the Republican National Committee on August 16, 2004, just over a month after Starrett was nominated by President Bush.

Judge’s Comment (letter): “Political contributions by a judge, irrespective of status, are improper. Prior to my nomination I had been a state court judge for twelve years and during that time I tried to abide by my belief that it is improper for judges to be involved in politics. The Canons of Judicial Ethics, both state and federal, are specific on that point. My wife’s actions are in no way related to my nomination. I do not exercise control over her actions and the contribution was an independent act of Barbara. Further, the contribution was not to a specific candidate and it was nominal in amount. I have discussed contributions with her since my confirmation and requested that she not participate in any way in politics. She has agreed and, as far as I know, has made no additional contributions.

Judicial ethics are very important to me and avoiding even the appearance of impropriety is crucial to the public perception that our system of justice is fair. The most important pillar of any democracy is its system of justice and, while mistakes may be made along the way, I will continue to endeavor to honor each word of my oath of office.”

- > No federal campaign contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Louis Guirola, Jr.

MISSOURI: Sen. Christopher S. Bond (R), Sen. Jim Talent (R)

Dorr, Richard Everett

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Nominated: March 21, 2002 | **Confirmed:** August 1, 2002

Summary: A former attorney in private practice, Dorr first expressed interest in the federal judgeship to Sen. Bond in January 2001. Shortly thereafter, Dorr gave current House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, who has close ties to the Bush administration, \$500 in March. Dorr’s wife, Barbara Dorr, gave Sen. Bond \$1,000 in April 2001, a contribution that was returned in May. Barbara Dorr also gave \$1,000 to Bush in 1999 and \$2,000 to former Attorney General John Ashcroft when he was a Missouri Senator. Overall, Richard Dorr contributed about \$7,000 in federal contributions to Republicans since 1997, including \$1,000 to President Bush, \$1,500 to Ashcroft, and \$3,000 to Rep. Blunt, who has called Dorr a longtime friend. Dorr gave more than \$2,000 to Bond from 1990 to 1997. Additionally, Dorr contributed over \$2,000 to Sen. Talent for his failed 2000 bid for governor. (Dorr was confirmed before Talent was elected to the Senate.)

Chronology:

- January 2001: Dorr expresses interest to Sen. Bond about federal judgeship.
- March 2, 2001: Rep. Blunt receives \$500 from Dorr.
- April 19, 2001: Sen. Bond receives \$1,000 from Dorr’s wife
- May 31, 2001: Bond reimburses the \$1,000 contribution from Mrs. Dorr.
- June 6, 2001: Bond announces his recommendation of Dorr to President Bush.

- > No federal campaign contributions since 1990 were found for the following judge: Henry Edward Autrey

MONTANA: Sen. Max Baucus (D), Sen. Conrad Burns (R)

Cebull, Richard F.

U.S. District Court, District of Montana

Nominated: May 17, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 20, 2001

Summary: A former federal magistrate judge from 1998 till his district bench appointment, Cebull was in private practice when he made his last federal campaign contribution, giving \$500 to the unsuccessful 1996 Senate campaign of now-Rep. Dennis Rehberg, a Montana Republican.

Judge Comment (phone): “I have never been a big contributor.” On the appearance of impropriety: “You have to be extremely careful. It should be a real important focus. Because judges are deciding cases where ultimately there’s a winner and a loser, and who wins and who loses shouldn’t be based in any way on political beliefs or anything that’s not relevant to the case. And that’s why it’s so important. It’s about credibility.”

☑ Haddon, Sam E.

U.S. District Court, District of Montana

Nominated: May 17, 2001 | **Confirmed:** July 20, 2001

Summary: On February 12, 2001, a day before Montana’s senators recommended Haddon to the White House for the federal bench, Sen. Burns registered \$1,000 contributions from both Haddon and his wife, Betty Haddon. Sam Haddon, who was a member of the Bush for President Montana Steering Committee in 2000, submitted a request to be considered for the judgeship to Sen. Burns after Bush won the presidency. Burns, who had recently been reelected to a six-year term when he received the 2001 contributions, also received \$2,000 each from both Haddon and his wife during his 2000 campaign. Overall, Haddon gave Burns \$5,000 from 1989-2001, about half of the nearly \$10,000 he gave to Republicans during that period. Meanwhile, Betty Haddon has contributed \$6,000 to the Senator since 1998, half of which she gave after Judge Haddon was confirmed to the federal bench. Overall, Betty Haddon gave about \$23,000 to Republicans since 1997, including \$2,500 to President Bush.

Chronology:

- February 12, 2001: Sen. Burns registers \$1,000 each from Sam and Betty Haddon.
 - February 13, 2001: Sens. Burns and Baucus submit their recommendation of Haddon to the White House.
-

NEBRASKA: Sen. Chuck Hagel (R), Sen. Ben Nelson (D)

Camp, Laurie Smith

U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska

Nominated: June 19, 2001 | **Confirmed:** October 23, 2001

Summary: A former Nebraska deputy attorney general, Camp contributed \$250 in 2000 to the unsuccessful Republican opponent of Sen. Nelson. Still, Nelson supported Camp’s nomination.

Judge Comment (email): “I did not submit any formal “application” to Senator Hagel, but I did send him a letter expressing my interest in the U.S. District Court judgeship in 2000, after U.S. District Judge Thomas Shanahan announced his transition to senior status. Once it was determined that George W. Bush would serve as President, I again wrote to Senator Hagel, confirming my interest in the judgeship and enclosing a resume. I believe you are correct that in 2000 I contributed \$250 to Senator Nelson’s opponent, Don Stenberg. Mr. Stenberg was the Nebraska Attorney General and I served as his Chief Deputy for Criminal Matters. I walked a precinct in 1982 for then-Governor Charles Thone, when he ran for re-election. In 1999, I walked a precinct for then-husband, Jon Camp, when he ran for Lincoln City Council. My husband and I owned premises in Lincoln’s Haymarket District which we occasionally provided free-of-charge for fund-raising events in the 1980s and 1990s. I recall a warehouse loft area being used by Don Stenberg for a fund-raising reception when he ran for the United States Senate and/or Attorney General, and by Congressman Doug Bereuter for two fund-raising events, when he ran for re-election to the House of Representatives.”

NEW MEXICO: Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D), Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R)

Armijo, M. Christina

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Nominated: August 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 6, 2001

Summary: After being publicly mentioned as a potential candidate – and three weeks prior to being recommended by Sen. Domenici – Armijo contributed \$600 to a New Mexico Republican campaign committee. In 2000, the former state judge also contributed \$250 to President Bush and \$250 to the state Republican committee. Armijo apparently did not make any other contributions since at least 1990.

Chronology:

- Jan. 15, 2001: The Albuquerque Tribune reports that Armijo is being mentioned as a possible candidate for a district judgeship.
- April 5, 2001: The Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, which supports federal candidates, registers a \$600 contribution from Armijo.
- April 28, 2001: The Albuquerque Journal reports Sen. Domenici has recommended Armijo to the President.

Brack, Robert C.

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Nominated: April 28, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 14, 2003

Summary: In seeking a federal judgeship, Brack called on the support of attorney Pete Domenici Jr., the senator's son, with whom he had litigated a case. Brack was formerly a state judge, since 1997. Brack and his wife gave several hundred dollars in joint contributions to candidates of both parties at the state level from 1994 to 2001, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics.

☑ Browning, James O.

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Nominated: April 28, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 31, 2003

Summary: Browning, a former Albuquerque attorney, made \$3,000 in campaign contributions during the period from when he expressed interest in a federal judgeship in January 2001 to when the White House decided in May to select another candidate. Of those contributions, \$750 went to Sen. Domenici, who recommended Browning for the position to the White House, and \$2,000 went to a state Republican campaign committee that supports Senate and House candidates. Then, during Domenici's 2002 reelection bid, Browning served on the campaign's executive finance committee and co-hosted a fundraiser for Domenici. He personally contributed another \$700 to the senator. Domenici again recommended Browning to the White House in February 2003 and he was nominated later that year. Overall, Browning has given \$7,200 in federal contributions to Republicans since 1997, including \$1,450 to Domenici and \$2,750 to Rep. Heather Wilson, a New Mexico Republican. Browning was also the co-chairman of New Mexico Lawyers for Bush-Cheney in 2000, gave money to state-level Republicans and hosted other campaign fundraisers in the past.

Chronology:

- January 15, 2001: The Albuquerque Tribune reports Browning has confirmed interest in being recommended by Sen. Domenici to a federal court position.
- February 7, 2001: Domenici receives \$250 from Browning.
- February 14, 2001: Rep. Wilson receives \$250 from Browning.
- February 20, 2001: Domenici receives \$250 from Browning.
- March 27, 2001: Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, which supported Senate and House candidates, receives \$2,000 from Browning.
- April 30, 2001: Domenici receives \$250 from Browning.
- May 9, 2001: Bush fills the judicial vacancy, declining to nominate Browning
- Aug. 20, 2001: Domenici receives \$450 from Browning.
- May 22, 2002: Domenici receives \$250 from Browning.
- July 1, 2002: Browning co-hosts fundraiser for Sen. Domenici.
- Feb. 10, 2003: Sen. Domenici announces that he has again recommended Browning to the White House for a judgeship.

Herrera, Judith C.

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Nominated: September 23, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 3, 2004

Summary: A former attorney in private practice, Herrera contributed \$2,000 to the Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico in 2001. Using her married name, Judy Baird, she gave \$300 more to the federal Republican committee on September 23, 2003, the day of her nomination. Herrera also gave \$500 to a Democrat's congressional campaign in 1999-2000.

Chronology:

- Jan. 15, 2001: The Albuquerque Tribune reports that Herrera is being mentioned as a possible candidate for a district judgeship.
- April 5, 2001: The Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico receives \$2,000 from Herrera.
- May 30, 2003: Herrera is asked to submit a resume to Sen. Domenici to be considered for a judgeship.
- Sept. 23, 2003: Bush nominates Herrera
- The Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, which supports federal candidates, receives \$300 from Herrera, under her married name, Judy Baird.

☑ Johnson, William Paul

U. S. District Court, District of New Mexico

Nominated: Aug. 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** December 13, 2001

Summary: A former state judge, Johnson formally applied for a position with Bush’s transition team “after January 1, 2001,” according to his Senate questionnaire. He also wrote to Sen. Domenici about a potential recommendation from the senator. Johnson contributed \$500 to Domenici in February 2001. In March he met with Domenici for an interview, and late in the month gave the state Republican Party \$600. By late April, the Senator recommended him to President Bush, who nominated Johnson in August. After the nomination and his confirmation hearing, Johnson gave Sen. Domenici \$500 in November 2001. Johnson also gave \$2,000 to Republicans from 1993 to 2000. Prior to becoming a state judge, Johnson served as chairman of his county Republican Party and First Vice-Chairman of the state Republican Party. He also ran an unsuccessful campaign for state senate as a Republican in 1992.

Chronology:

- “After January 1, 2001”: Johnson expresses interest in a federal judgeship by applying with the Bush transition team, then writing to Sen. Domenici.
- Feb. 14, 2001: Domenici registers a \$500 contribution from Johnson
- March 2001: Domenici interviews Johnson and other applicants.
- March 30, 2001: The Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico receives \$600 from Johnson.
- April 28, 2001: The Albuquerque Journal reports Domenici has recommended Johnson to Bush.
- Aug. 2, 2001: President Bush nominates Johnson.
- Oct. 25, 2001: Johnson’s Senate confirmation hearing, where Domenici spoke on his behalf.
- Nov. 27, 2001: Domenici registers a \$500 contribution from Johnson.

NEVADA: Sen. John Ensign (R), Sen. Harry Reid (D)**Hicks, Larry R.**

U. S. District Court, District of Nevada

Nominated: August 2, 2001 | **Confirmed:** November 5, 2001

Summary: A former lawyer in private practice, Hicks gave \$250 in 1996 to a Democrat who was his law partner and \$400 to a Republican in 1992. He and his wife jointly gave \$450 in state contributions to a Republican from 1998-2000, according to state records.

Jones, Robert Clive

U. S. District Court, District of Nevada

Nominated: June 9, 2003 | **Confirmed:** October 2, 2003

Summary: A former U.S. bankruptcy judge, Jones has made no known campaign contributions. After his confirmation, his wife, Anita Michele Jones, contributed \$500 to President Bush and \$500 to the Republican National Committee in March 2004. Later that year she gave \$300 to the Republican opponent of Sen. Reid.

Mahan, James C.

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Nominated: September 10, 2001 | **Confirmed:** January 25, 2002

Summary: A former state court judge, Mahan has made no known campaign contributions since 1994, when, as a Las Vegas attorney, he contributed \$1,500 to an unsuccessful Republican Senate candidate. He also has ties to Sig Rogich, the Nevada finance chairman for Bush's 2000 campaign.

Sandoval, Brian Edward

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Nominated: March 1, 2005 | **Confirmed:** October 24, 2005

Summary: Sandoval, formerly Nevada's attorney general, served as co-chairman of President Bush's 2004 campaign in Nevada, and spoke at the 2004 Republican National Convention. In November 2004, Sen. Reid talked to Sandoval about recommending him to the President for a judgeship, and Sandoval accepted. Though a Republican, Sandoval was Reid's choice for judge in an agreement he worked out with Sen. Ensign. Reid wanted to recommend Sandoval in 2001, but Sandoval declined. Sandoval earlier served in the Nevada state assembly.