

## U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES: TX → WI

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

### TEXAS: Sen. John Cornyn (R), Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)

#### Boyle, Jane J.

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

**Nominated:** November 24, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 17, 2004

**Summary:** Among other campaigns she assisted, Boyle worked on former Sen. Phil Gramm's 1984 campaign. She later became a magistrate judge, and was appointed U.S. Attorney by President Bush in 2002.

#### Cardone, Kathleen

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 28, 2003

**Summary:** In October 2002, Cardone contributed \$200 to Cornyn's campaign. In January 2003, Sens. Cornyn and Hutchison recommended Cardone for a federal judgeship. Cardone, a state judge and mediator, also contributed \$500 to President Bush in 1999.

#### Clark, Ron

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** October 2, 2002

**Summary:** Clark, a former Republican state legislator, gave Sen. Cornyn \$1,000 after Clark was recommended to the President by Texas' Senators and \$1,000 more three months after Bush nominated him. At the time, Cornyn was a candidate for the seat of retiring Sen. Phil Gramm, who had recommended Clark with Sen. Hutchison. Overall, Clark gave more than \$17,000 in federal contributions since 1989, including \$3,750 to Gramm and his political action committee; \$2,600 to Hutchison; \$1,000 to Bush, and \$4,250 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee while Gramm was committee chair. Following his confirmation as judge, Clark was criticized for continuing to campaign for state office. Clark told the New York Times at the time that he was stuck because his confirmation came after the deadline for withdrawing from the race. Throughout the 1990s, Clark was a county coordinator of Bush's gubernatorial campaigns, as well as the Senate bids of Gramm and Hutchison. He also was a "Bush Strike Force Volunteer" in Michigan during the 2000 election. Clark's wife, Joanna, gave \$10,000 to Republicans between 1991 and 2004, including \$2,600 to Gramm. After her husband's confirmation to the federal bench, her contributions included \$2,000 to President Bush, \$2,000 to Cornyn, and \$1,000 to Hutchison.

#### Chronology:

- July 12, 2001: Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison recommended Clark for the federal judgeship.
- November 16, 2001: Cornyn, who was campaigning at the time to replace a retiring Gramm, receives a \$1,000 contribution from Clark.
- January 23, 2002: Clark is nominated by President Bush.
- April 26, 2002: Cornyn receives \$1,000 each from Clark and his wife.
- October 2, 2002: Clark is confirmed by the Senate.

#### Crone, Marcia A.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** September 30, 2003

**Summary:** Crone's husband, Walter Seth Crone, Jr., contributed \$2,100 to Sen. Hutchison in June 2006. Sens. Hutchison and Cornyn had recommended Crone, a former magistrate judge, for the district court judgeship.

**Davis, Leonard E.**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** May 9, 2002

**Summary:** Davis, a state judge from 2000 until his federal appointment, made \$13,500 in federal contributions to Republicans from 1989-2000. His donations included \$6,500 to former Sen. Gramm and his political action committee, \$3,250 to Sen. Hutchison, and \$1,000 to Bush. Davis was recommended to the President by Sens. Gramm and Hutchison. He also gave \$750 to a Democratic Congressman who later switched to the Republican Party. Davis worked on Bush's gubernatorial campaigns as well as his 2000 presidential campaign, serving on various committees. Davis also worked on the campaigns of former President Bush, who nominated him for a judgeship in 1992, though he was not confirmed. Davis has also helped fundraise for Gramm and Hutchison, as well as Cornyn, formerly the state attorney general. Davis served as general counsel to the Texas Republican Party in the 1980s. His wife, Dana Davis, has given \$3,500 to Gramm, \$1,000 to Hutchinson, and \$1,000 to Bush.

**Godbey, David C.**

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** August 1, 2002

**Summary:** Shortly after Sens. Gramm and Hutchison recommended Godbey, a former Texas state judge, to President Bush for the judgeship, he contributed \$1,000 to the federal account of the Dallas County Republican Party, which supports Sen. Hutchison. He had earlier given the organization \$1,100 in 1999. Godbey's other federal campaign contributions consisted of \$1,000 to Texas GOP Rep. Pete Sessions in 2000 and \$250 to Kay Bailey Hutchison in 1993. He also gave \$250 to Sen. John Cornyn's state campaign for attorney general in 2000. His wife, Beverly, contributed \$500 to Bush from 1999-2000. Godbey volunteered on the local level for the former President Bush's 1988 campaign.

**Chronology:**

- Aug. 1, 2001: Sens. Gramm and Hutchison recommend Godbey to President Bush.
- Aug. 9, 2001: The Dallas County Republican Party's federal account receives \$1,000 from Godbey.

**Judge Comment (letter from assistant Donna Z. Hocker):** "He has asked me to advise you that, to the best of his recollection, his wife made the contributions you list to now-Senator Cornyn and Representative Sessions. Beyond that, Judge Godbey has no comment."

**Note:** For the 2000 contribution to Rep. Sessions, federal records identify the donor as David Godbey, occupation "Judge." For the 2000 contribution to Cornyn, state records identify the donor as "Godbey, David C."

**Hanen, Andrew S.**

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** May 9, 2002

**Summary:** Hanen, a former lawyer in private practice, contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999. He also gave \$1,700 to former Sen. Gramm from 1990-1996. Hanen was recommended to the President by Gramm and Hutchison. From 1995-1998, Hanen also gave \$225 to then-Gov. George W. Bush and \$350 to John Cornyn's attorney general campaign, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics.

**Junell, Robert A.**

U. S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** July 18, 2002 (re-nominated on January 7, 2003) | **Confirmed:** February 10, 2003

**Summary:** A Democratic member of the Texas House of Representatives for many years, Junell supported Bush and campaigned for him around the country in 2000. He contributed \$1,000 to Bush in 1999. After interviewing with the Texas judicial selection commission for a potential judgeship, Junell met with Sens. Gramm and Hutchison in May 2001. Later that year, he gave \$250 each to a Democratic and a Republican congressman. After he was nominated by Bush, Junell gave \$1,000 to a Democratic state representative. From 1993-1996, Junell gave a combined \$2,000 to Democratic Rep. Charlie Stenholm and \$1,000 to an unsuccessful Democratic Senate candidate.

**Chronology:**

- April-May 2001: Junell appears before the Texas judicial selection committee.

- May 2001: Junell travels to Washington D.C. to be interviewed by Sens. Gramm and Hutchison.
- Sept. 2, 2001: Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-TX) receives \$250 from Junell.
- Dec. 11, 2001: Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) receives \$250 from Junell.
- July 18, 2002: Bush nominates Junell.
- Sept. 30, 2002: Current Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX) receives \$500 from Junell for his unsuccessful 2002 congressional campaign.
- Oct. 16, 2002: Democratic state representative Steven Wolens receives \$1,000 from Junell.

**Judge Comment (phone):** Junell said the candidates to whom he contributed while under consideration for a judgeship were personal friends and “didn’t have anything to do with me getting nominated or anything like that.” Junell said the donation to Cuellar was not from him; it was from a law firm that asked Junell to send in the money. On making contributions while under consideration for a judgeship: “Whatever the rules are, I’ll follow the rules...If they want to make the rules that [judicial candidates] can’t give contributions, that’s fine.”

### **Ludlum, Alia M.**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** July 11, 2002 | **Confirmed:** November 14, 2002

**Summary:** Ludlum, a former U.S. magistrate judge, has made no known federal contributions since at least 1990. Her husband, John Ludlum, has given nearly \$35,000 in federal contributions to Republicans since 1994. His donations included \$3,000 to Bush, \$2,900 to Sen. Hutchison, \$1,500 to former Sen. Gramm, and about \$12,000 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Also among his overall donations, Mr. Ludlum gave \$14,000 to Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX).

### **Martinez, Philip Ray**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** October 9, 2001 | **Confirmed:** February 5, 2002

**Summary:** Martinez, a former state judge, gave \$500 to the campaign of Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) in 1997. He also gave \$1,000 to former Sen. Bob Krueger (D-TX) in 1993.

### **Miller, Gray Hampton**

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

**Nominated:** January 25, 2006 | **Confirmed:** April 25, 2006

**Summary:** Miller, a former lawyer in private practice, contributed \$1,000 to President Bush in March 2004, and \$500 more in September 2004. Miller applied for the judgeship in 2005. He was recommended by Sens. Cornyn and Hutchison in August 2005. His wife, Joanne Miller, gave \$500 to Sen. Cornyn in February 2004 and \$1,000 to Bush in March 2004. In 1995, Miller gave \$250 to former Sen. Gramm’s bid for the Republican Party presidential nomination.

### **Montalvo, Frank**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 31, 2003

**Summary:** Montalvo, a former state judge, gave \$250 to Bush’s presidential campaign in 1999.

### **Rodriguez, Xavier**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 31, 2003

**Summary:** Rodriguez was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court from 2001-2002. Earlier, while working in private practice, Rodriguez contributed \$500 to Bush between 1999-2000. Rodriguez was precinct chair of his county Republican Party from 1999-2001.

**Schneider, Michael H. Sr.**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 17, 2004 | **Confirmed:** September 7, 2004

**Summary:** A judge for decades, Schneider was elevated to chief judge of a state appellate court in 1996 by then-Gov. George W. Bush, according to news accounts. In 1996, Schneider gave \$1,000 to then Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX). In 1998, Schneider contributed \$500 to the Texas Republican Party. He was later appointed to the state Supreme Court in 2002 by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

**Yeakel, Earl Leroy III**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

**Nominated:** May 1, 2003 | **Confirmed:** July 28, 2003

**Summary:** From 1990-1995, Yeakel gave \$2,600 to former Sen. Gramm, \$1,000 to Sen. Hutchison and \$2,000 to the Texas GOP. Yeakel also was the chairman of his county Republican Party from 1990-1992. In 1998, then-Gov. George Bush appointed Yeakel to a seat on a state appellate court. When Yeakel lost the election to retain his seat, Bush appointed him to the court again. Yeakel later was elected to a full term on the court. Yeakel served as a “surrogate speaker” for George H. W. Bush in his 1988 and 1992 presidential campaigns, as well as for George W. Bush’s 1994 gubernatorial campaign.

> No federal contributions since 1990 were found for the following judges: Micaela Alvarez, Randy Crane, James E. Kinkeade

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**UTAH: Sen. Robert Bennett (R), Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R)****Cassell, Paul G.**

U.S. District Court, District of Utah

**Nominated:** June 19, 2001 | **Confirmed:** May 13, 2002

**Summary:** Cassell, a former University of Utah law professor, served for years as special counsel on various projects for Hatch, James & Dodge, the law firm of Sen. Hatch’s son. Cassell also provided legal advice for the 2000 Bush campaign, as a member of the campaign’s Criminal Justice Issues Advisory Committee. He also was a member of Law Professors for Bush in 2000, Law Professors for Dole in 1996 and Law Professors for Bush in 1992.

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**VIRGINIA: Sen. George Allen (R), Sen. John W. Warner (R)****Conrad, Glen Edward**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

**Nominated:** April 28, 2003 | **Confirmed:** September 22, 2003

**Summary:** A long-time U.S. magistrate judge, Conrad has known Sen. Allen since 1977, when the Senator was a law clerk. As governor, Allen later appointed Conrad’s wife, Mary Ann Conrad, to the board of the Virginia community college system. Between 1999-2005, Mrs. Conrad gave \$3,250 to Sen. Allen and about \$2,000 to the Virginia Republican Party.

**Hudson, Henry E.**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** August 1, 2002

**Summary:** Hudson, who later became a state judge, gave \$250 to Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) in 1998, while he was in private practice. Hudson was appointed U.S. Attorney by President Reagan in 1986. He was appointed director of the U.S. Marshals Service by former President Bush in 1992. When Sen. Allen was governor, he appointed Hudson

to various boards and commissions. Hudson served as the Arlington coordinator for Sen. Warner's 1983 campaign and advised the Senator on criminal justice issues in 1995. He also served as regional coordinator for former Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign in 1995.

**Kelley, Walter DeKalb Jr.**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

**Nominated:** October 31, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 23, 2004

**Summary:** Kelley, a former attorney in private practice, made more than \$9,000 in federal campaign contributions to Republicans from 1994-2003, including a donation to President Bush while he was seeking a judgeship. Kelley was recommended for the federal bench by the Virginia Bar Association in late May 2003. (Sens. Allen and Warner solicit the input of different bar associations as part of the selection process.) A month later, after he had garnered the endorsements of other bar associations as well, Kelley gave \$1,000 to President Bush, apparently his first ever contribution to Bush. Also, a month before the state bar association gave its recommendation, Kelley gave \$500 to Sen. Allen, who later recommended Kelley to the President. Kelley also gave thousands in state contributions to Republicans over the years, including donations while he was under consideration for a judgeship, according to the Institute on Money in State Politics. State records show Kelley gave \$500 to a candidate for lieutenant governor after he was nominated by the President. In the past, Kelley has volunteered for numerous campaigns, including those of Allen and Warner. Overall he has contributed \$2,000 to Allen and \$3,000 to Warner. His wife, Jennifer, also contributed \$1,000 to Allen in 2000.

**Chronology:**

- April 24, 2003: Sen. Allen receives a \$500 contribution from Kelley.
- May 29, 2003: The Virginia Bar Association recommends Kelley for the federal bench.
- June 3-11, 2003: Kelley receives several more endorsements of his candidacy from various bar associations.
- June 25, 2003: President Bush's reelection campaign registers a \$1,000 contribution from Kelley.
- July 30, 2003: Sens. Warner and Allen recommend Kelley to the President.
- Oct. 31, 2003: Bush nominates Kelley.
- April 5, 2004: A Republican candidate for lieutenant governor receives \$500 from Kelley.

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**WASHINGTON: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D), Sen. Patty Murray (D)**

**Leighton, Ronald B.**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

**Nominated:** January 23, 2002 | **Confirmed:** November 14, 2002

**Summary:** Leighton, a former attorney in private practice, was recommended to President Bush for the federal bench in fall 2001 by the state's senior Republican in Congress. Washington's two Democratic Senators initially opposed his nomination because they felt left out of the selection process. Leighton had given money in the past to Republican opponents of both Senators. Leighton, however, received support from the state's senior Democrat in the House, Norm Dicks, who received a \$250 contribution from Leighton a week before the nomination. Leighton also gave Dicks \$250 in 2000 and in 1993. Dicks said at the time of the nomination, "He's from my district, and I think he would be fine," according to the Seattle Times. From 1991-2000, Leighton and his wife, Sally, gave about \$5,000 to former GOP Sen. Slade Gorton, who eventually lost to Cantwell. Leighton also served on the finance committee of Gorton's campaigns.

**Chronology:**

- November 2001: Leighton is recommended to the White House by a Republican panel, according to the Associated Press.
- January 16, 2002: Rep. Norm Dicks (D-WA) receives a \$250 contribution from Leighton. Dicks backs Leighton's candidacy.
- January 23, 2002: President Bush nominates Leighton.

**Robart, James L.**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

**Nominated:** December 9, 2003 | **Confirmed:** June 17, 2004

**Summary:** Robart, formerly a lawyer in private practice, contributed \$1,000 to President Bush in 1999. During the 1999-2000 election cycle, Robart also gave \$2,000 to former Sen. Slade Gorton (R-WA), who lost to Sen. Cantwell. Robart contributed several hundred dollars to Gorton from 1991-1994. Robart also gave \$1,000 to the federal account of the state Republican Party in 2000.

- > No federal contributions since 1990 have been found for the following judge: Ricardo S. Martinez, Lonny R. Suko

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**WEST VIRGINIA: Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D), Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D)****Johnston, Thomas E.**

U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia

**Nominated:** September 28, 2005 | **Confirmed:** March 6, 2006

**Summary:** Johnston was appointed U.S. Attorney by President Bush in 2001. From 1999-2001, Johnston gave \$700 to the West Virginia GOP and \$750 to Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

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**WISCONSIN: Sen. Russ Feingold (D), Sen. Herb Kohl (D)**

- > No federal contributions since 1990 have been found for the following judge: William C. Griesbach