

2002 Candidates for Ohio Supreme Court Justice

Contributions from January 1- August 31, 2002

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Summary

· This year's crop of Ohio Supreme Court candidates had by August 31 already raised 21% more money (\$3,779,930) than candidates in 2000 raised by election day (\$3,118,280).

· Physicians and insurance companies gave more than \$250,000 to each of Maureen O'Connor and Justice Evelyn Stratton; they gave only \$100 each to Tim Black and Janet Burnside. All of the top contributions to Tim Black and Janet Burnside came from trial attorneys.

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Contributions Raised from January 1-August 31, 2002*

Tim Black/Open Seat	\$1,113,732
Maureen O'Connor/Open Seat	\$1,043,142
Janet Burnside/Challenger	\$626,429
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton/Incumbent	\$996,627
Total	\$3,779,930

****Includes both monetary and in-kind contributions***

In 1998, all the candidates for Ohio Supreme Court raised \$2,731,288 and in 1996 all the candidates for Ohio Supreme Court raised \$1,375,635. From January 1- August 31, 2002 candidates for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court have more than doubled (2.7 times) the amount raised during all of 1996.

It is important to note that judicial candidates who file the monthly filings (July, August, and September) are only required to file contribution activity during that particular month. Candidate committees are not required to provide contribution information between the Post-Primary filing (June 7, 2002) and the beginning of the July monthly filing (July 1, 2002). A candidate may wait until the Pre-General filing to include contributions during this approximately three-week period. There appears to be a gap in contribution information to the O'Connor campaign. The Pre-General filing deadline is on October 24, 2002.

Contribution Totals Between June 7-July 1, 2002

Tim Black/Open Seat	\$18,030
Maureen O'Connor/Open Seat	\$1,081
Janet Burnside/Challenger	\$29,675
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton/Incumbent	\$98,447

**Includes both monetary and in-kind contributions*

Top three economic sectors for each candidate

Candidate	Top Sector	Second Sector	Third Sector
Tim Black	Lawyers & Lobbyists \$677,526	**Ideological \$191,628	Labor \$131,600
Maureen O'Connor	Finance, Real Estate, Insurance \$246,814	Health \$164,914	Misc. Business & Manufacturing \$113,933
Janet Burnside	Lawyers & Lobbyists \$521,308	Labor \$41,050	**Ideological \$25,451
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton	Finance, Real Estate, Insurance \$227,470	Lawyers & Lobbyists \$201,858	Health \$178,477

*These contributions include organizations, PACs and employee contributions.

**Ideological includes party, candidate committees and single issue groups.

Law firms represent a variety of interests. Of the top 50 law firms that contributed to Tim Black 47 have partners that are members of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers (94%). Of Janet Burnside's 50 top contributing law firms 45 have partners that are members of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers (90%). Only one law firm with a partner who is also member of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers appeared in Maureen O'Connor's top 50 contributions from law firms. None of the top 50 contributing law firms to Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton have partners who are members of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Top Law Firm Contributions To More Than Two Candidates*

Law Firms	Black	O'Connor	Burnside	Stratton
Baker & Hostetler	\$0	\$6,000	\$2,900	\$5,275
Hahn Loeser & Parks	\$0	\$1,350	\$2,100	\$2,000
Ulmer & Berne	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,250
Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease	\$4,375	\$2,100	\$0	\$4,875

*Contributions in top 50 to each candidate and all totals include employees and PACs.

Contributions from Counsel on Both Sides of the School Funding Debate*

Candidate	Law Firm	Organization Representing	Totals
Tim Black	Bricker & Eckler	Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy in School Funding	\$2,650
Tim Black	Chester Hoffman Wilcox & Saxbe	Governor Taft	\$600
Maureen O'Connor	Bricker & Eckler	Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy in School Funding	\$5,750
Maureen O'Connor	Chester Hoffman Wilcox & Saxbe	Governor Taft	\$4,500
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton	Bricker & Eckler	Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy in School Funding	\$5,850
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton	Chester Hoffman Wilcox & Saxbe	Governor Taft	\$6,600

***Contributions include PACs and employees**

Contributions from physicians and insurance companies*

Candidate	Physician Total	Insurance Total
Tim Black	\$0	\$100
Maureen O'Connor	\$140,064	\$148,214
Janet Burnside	\$100	\$0
Evelyn Stratton	\$153,002	\$144,230

***Contributions include PACs and employees**

Tim Black

Candidate for Justice of Ohio Supreme Court

Open Seat

Total Raised January 1- August 31, 2002--\$1,113,732

Contributions from Democratic Party Committees-- \$191,348

Individual Contributions Less than \$200—2.38%

Individual Contributions More than \$200—39.63%

Political Party and Candidate Committees—17.23%

PAC Contributions--13.7%

Other-27.06%

Top Organizational Contributors to Tim Black *	
1. Ohio Democratic Party	\$185,148
2. Scanlon & Gearing Co., LPA	\$28,500
3. Murray & Murray Co., LPA	\$25,000
Nurenberg Plevin Heller & McCarthy Co., LPA	\$25,000
4. Clark Perdue Roberts & Scott Co., LPA	\$23,500
5. Spangenberg Shibley & Liber, LPA	\$20,900
6. Friedman Domiano & Smith Co., LPA	\$18,700
7. Okey Law Firm, LPA	\$16,500
8. Williams Jilek Lafferty Gallagher & Scott, LPA	\$15,500
9. Miraldi & Barrett Co., LPA	\$15,000
10. Allen Schulman & Associates, LPA	\$14,300

11. Lowe Eklund Wakefield & Mulvihill, LPA	\$13,200
12. Dyer Garofalo Mann & Schultz, LPA	\$13,050
13. Lamkin Van Eman Trimble Beals & Rourke, LPA	\$12,200
14. Weisman Goldberg & Weisman, LPA	\$12,100
15. Jeffries Kube Forrest & Monteleone Co., LPA	\$11,000
16. Leeseberg & Valentine, LPA	\$9,900
Jeffrey L Maloon Co., LPA	\$9,900
17. Helmer Martins & Morgan Co., LPA	\$9,400
18. Becker & Mishkind, LPA	\$9,150
19. Kelley & Ferraro, LLP	\$8,700
20. O'Connor Acciani & Levy, LPA	\$8,500
* Contributions include contributions from PACs, employees and other contributions by organization. Totals include both monetary and in-kind contributions.	

Maureen O'Connor

Candidate for Justice of Ohio Supreme Court

Open Seat

**Total Raised January 1- August 31,
2002--\$1,043,142**

Contributions from Republican Party Committees--\$86,991

Individual Contributions Less Than \$200—11.26%

Individual Contributions More Than \$200—48.73%

Political Party and Candidate Committees—8.44%

PAC Contributions-23.35%

Other—8.23%

Top Organizational Contributors to Maureen O'Connor*	
1. Ohio Republican Party	\$41,341
2. Cincinnati Insurance Companies	\$24,700
3. Hamilton County Republican Party	\$15,000
4. American Financial Corporation	\$11,000
Boich Companies	\$11,000
5. FirstEnergy	\$9,400
6. Cintas	\$8,700
Nationwide Insurance	\$8,700
7. Fifth Third Bank	\$8,550
8. Cincinnati Financial Corporation	\$8,250
9. Timken Company	\$8,075
10. Ohio Casualty Insurance Company	\$7,950
11. Motorists Mutual Insurance	\$7,725
12. Dominion Homes	\$6,600

13. Frank Gates Company	\$6,525
14. AK Steel	\$6,250
15. Calfee Halter & Griswold, LPA	\$6,200
16. Ashland Oil Inc.	\$6,000
Baker & Hostetler, LPA	\$6,000
17. Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP	\$5,850
18. Thompson Hine & Flory, LPA	\$5,750
Bricker & Eckler, LPA	\$5,750
19. Ohio State Medical Association	\$5,725
20. Ohio National Life Insurance Company	\$5,508
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Janet Burnside

Candidate for Justice of Ohio Supreme Court

Challenger

Total Raised January 1-August 31, 2002--\$628,429

Contributions from Democratic Party Committees--\$25,451

Individual Contributions Less Than \$200—3.86%

Individual Contributions More Than \$200—46.95%

Political Party and Candidate Committees—4.10%

PAC Contributions—9.43%

Other—35.65%

Top Organizational Contributors to Janet Burnside*	
1. Scanlon & Gearing Co., LPA	\$31,900
2. Murray & Murray Co., LPA	\$25,000
3. Ohio Democratic Party	\$23,651
4. Clark, Perdue, Roberts & Scott Co., LPA	\$23,500
5. Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, LPA	\$23,100
6. Nurenberg Plevin Heller & McCarthy Co., LPA	\$21,000
7. Friedman Domiano & Smith Co., LPA	\$18,700
8. Okey Law Firm, LPA	\$16,500
9. Williams Jilek Lafferty Gallagher & Scott, LPA	\$15,500
10. Allen Schulman & Associates, LPA	\$14,400
11. Weisman Goldberg & Weisman, LPA	\$13,900
12. Lowe Eklund Wakefield & Mulvihill, LPA	\$13,200
13. Becker & Mishkind, LPA	\$12,550
14. Miraldi & Barrett Co., LPA	\$12,000
15. Linton & Hirshman, LPA	\$11,750

16. Jeffries Kube Forrest & Monteleone Co., LPA	\$11,000
17. Lancione & Lancione, LPA	\$9,900
18. Charles Kampinski Co., LPA	\$7,700
19. George E. Loucas Co., LPA	\$7,500
20. Connelly Jackson & Collier, LLP	\$6,700
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Evelyn Lundberg Stratton

Candidate for Justice of Ohio Supreme Court

Incumbent

Total Raised January 1-August 31, 2002--\$996,627

Contributions from Republican Party Committees \$44,946

Individual Contributions Less Than \$200—14.28%

Individual Contributions More Than \$200—49.36%

Political Party and Candidate Committees-4.74%

PAC Contributions—26.64%

Other—4.99%

Top Organizational Contributors to Evelyn Lundberg Stratton*	
1. Cincinnati Insurance Companies	\$27,475
2. FirstEnergy	\$18,578
3. Jones Day Reavis & Pogue, LPA	\$17,750
4. Hamilton County Republican Judicial Campaign	\$17,500
5. Boich Companies	\$11,000
6. Nationwide Insurance	\$9,450
7. Borrer Corporation	\$8,800
8. Timken Company	\$7,950
9. Ernst & Young	\$7,800
10. Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP	\$7,650
11. Calfee Halter & Griswold, LPA	\$7,500
12. Fifth Third Bank	\$7,450
13. Motorists Mutual Insurance	\$7,050
14. Chester Hoffman Wilcox & Saxbe, LPA	\$6,600
15. Cintas	\$6,500
16. AK Steel	\$6,300
17. Procter & Gamble	\$6,275
18. Ashland Oil Inc.	\$6,100
19. Bricker & Eckler, LPA	\$5,850
20. Ohio State Medical Association	\$5,825

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Recommendations

Establish an 18-member Commission on Judicial Selection and Qualifications. Chief Justice Thomas Moyer is urging the Ohio General Assembly to establish a commission to review judicial selection and reform options. This commission could explore a variety of reforms including public financing.

Improve disclosure requirements so that contribution information is required between the Post-Primary filing and the monthly filings. Disclosure needs to be timely during election years. Currently, candidate committees are not required to provide contribution information between the Post-Primary filing (June 7, 2002) and the beginning of the July monthly filing (July 1, 2002). Some candidates wait until the Pre-General to provide this information.

Improve disclosure requirements so that expenditure information is required at monthly filings. The candidates for justice of Ohio Supreme Court do not have to file their expenditures for monthly filings. The expenditures could be filed with the Pre-General filing. In other words, the balances on the summer campaign reports could be completely inaccurate, because they do not have to reflect the outgoing expenses.

Methodology

The Citizens Policy Center analyzed contributions from January 1 through August 31, 2002 to candidates for Ohio Supreme Court Justice. Totals include contributions from political action committees (PACs), labor unions, organizations and individuals.

The database is based on the filings of judicial candidates for Ohio Supreme Court, available in computerized form from the Ohio Secretary of State. These filings were submitted electronically by the candidate committees to the Secretary of State and are available on-line at www.state.oh.us/sos/.

To identify the employers of contributors, the Citizens Policy Center obtained the following databases:

- Databases of architects, doctors, dentists, funeral directors and certified public accountants registered to do business in Ohio from the Ohio Division of Administrative services,
- A database from the Ohio Supreme Court of attorneys in Ohio,
- A list of lobbyists in Ohio from the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee,
- The *InfoUSA PowerFinder*, a national phone directory on CD,
- The 1999-2000 *Run for the Money* database in which the Center had prepared an analysis of 1999-2000 contributors,
- A list of contributors to Political Action Committees in Ohio

For each candidate the total amount in this database includes the following:

- Contributions received
- Contributions received at a social or fundraising event
- In-kind contributions received
- Contributions the candidate gave to his or her own campaign

The profiles do not include Statement of Other Income, which include interest, refunds, returns, and other non-contribution income. They may not reflect contributions received between June 7 and July 1, 2002.

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