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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE ANALYSIS

*Plaintiffs' Firms &  
PAC Contributions*

# COMBINED GIVING TO TOP TRIAL LAWYER PACS

Since 2017, the two top political action committees for Pennsylvania’s trial bar – LawPAC and the Committee for a Better Tomorrow – received a combined total of more than \$15.375 million in donations from plaintiffs’ firms. LawPAC is the political action committee of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, previously called the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. The Committee for a Better Tomorrow is the political action committee of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

Four plaintiffs’ firms gave more than \$1 million, with two additional firms donating more than \$600,000 to the two PACs. Another ten firms gave more than \$125,000.

Combined Giving to Top Trial Law PACs Since 2017	
Law Firm	Total Given
Kline & Specter	\$1,525,389
Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky, PC	\$1,253,533
Ross Feller Casey	\$1,148,075
Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig	\$1,115,410
Pond Lehocky	\$746,873
Anapol Weiss	\$600,990
Duffy + Fulginiti	\$587,540
Raynes Lawn Hehmeyer	\$580,320
Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck	\$554,533
Messa & Associates, P.C.	\$509,764
Martin Law LLC	\$391,469
Unknown	\$347,478
Krasno, Krasno & Onwudinjo	\$334,750
Levin Sedran & Berman	\$317,284
Simon & Simon, P.C.	\$212,000
The Beasley Firm, LLC	\$165,600
Wapner Newman	\$149,900
Lundy Law	\$144,000
Edgar Snyder & Assocs LLC	\$133,960
Sheridan & Murray, LLC	\$128,884

(Source: [Pennsylvania Secretary Of State](#))

# TOP RECIPIENTS OF TRIAL BAR PAC MONEY

Since 2017, 22 candidates for Pennsylvania elected office and political committees received more than \$175,000 in combined campaign contributions from LawPAC and the Committee for a Better Tomorrow. The two committees donated a combined total of more than \$15.728 million to political campaigns and committees since 2017. The top recipients of these trial bar political donations are outlined below.

Top Recipients of Trial Bar PAC Campaign Contributions Since 2017	
Candidate or Committee	Total Received
Daniel McCaffery	\$1,850,000
Judge Maria McLaughlin	\$1,125,000
Pennsylvanians for Judicial Fairness	\$1,025,000
Shapiro for Pennsylvania	\$922,000
Tom Wolf	\$754,500
Sallie Mundy	\$600,000
Pennsylvania Democratic Party	\$525,000
PA House Democratic Campaign Committee	\$503,000
Judge Timika Lane for Superior Court	\$475,000
PA Fund for Change	\$375,000
PA Democratic Party	\$350,000
Fairness PA	\$350,000
Forward Together	\$300,000
Amanda Green Hawkins for Judge	\$275,000
Kunselman 2017	\$260,000
Vincent Hughes	\$247,125
Tom Wolf PAC	\$200,000
Chris Quinn	\$197,750
DT Pac	\$185,000
Jay Costa for Senate	\$183,200
Jeffrey Sheridan	\$176,125

(Source: [Pennsylvania Secretary Of State](#))

# Committee for a Better Tomorrow

## TOP LAW FIRM DONORS TO COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Since 2017, the Committee for a Better Tomorrow, the political action committee of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, raised more than \$12.3 million. Since 2017, 20 different law firms donated \$100,000 or more to the Committee for a Better Tomorrow, four of which donated more than \$1 million: Kline & Specter; Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky; Ross Feller Casey; and, Feldman Shepherd. Four firms donated more than \$500,000 while five firms donated between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Top Law Firm Donors to Committee for a Better Tomorrow Since 2017	
Firm	Total Given
Kline & Specter, P.C.	\$1,447,095
Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky, P.C.	\$1,189,483
Ross Feller Casey	\$1,112,925
Feldman Shepherd	\$1,050,470
Pond Lehocky	\$687,928
Raynes & Lawn	\$569,300
Duffy + Fulginiti	\$566,200
Anapol Weiss	\$510,700
Messa & Associates, P.C.	\$489,614
Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck	\$434,000
Levin Sedran & Berman	\$387,784
Martin Law, LLC	\$331,449
Krasno, Krasno & Onwudinjo	\$293,400
Simon & Simon, P.C.	\$212,000
Lundy Law	\$190,000
The Beasley Firm, LLC	\$165,600
Wapner Newman	\$149,900
Sheridan & Murray, LLC	\$128,884
Sacchetta & Baldino	\$115,000
Soloff & Zervanos, P.C.	\$106,550

(Source: Pennsylvania Secretary Of State)

# Committee for a Better Tomorrow

## TOP RECIPIENTS AND ANALYSIS

Since 2017, the Committee for a Better Tomorrow has donated more than \$100,000 to 27 individual candidates and committees. The Committee contributed \$1.3 million to Daniel McCaffery’s (D) race for Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2023. More than \$1 million went to Pennsylvanians for Judicial Fairness, a group funded by “traditional Democratic allies in organized labor and the Philadelphia trial bar” that supported Democratic candidates running for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2023.[1] In 2021, the Committee for a Better Tomorrow spent \$850,000 on Maria McLaughlin’s (D) unsuccessful race for Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Other judicial candidates who received over \$100,000 include Timika Lane, Sallie Mundy, Amanda Green-Hawkins, Deborah Kunselman, Debra Todd and Jill Beck.

Committee for a Better Tomorrow Top Recipients Since 2017	
Campaigns and Committees	Total Received
McCaffery for Supreme Court	\$1,300,000
Pennsylvanians for Judicial Fairness	\$1,025,000
Shapiro for Pennsylvania	\$900,000
Judge Maria McLaughlin for Supreme Court	\$850,000
Tom Wolf for Governor	\$701,000
Friends for Sallie Mundy	\$600,000
Daniel McCaffery for PA Superior Court	\$550,000
Pennsylvania Democratic Party	\$525,000
Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee	\$525,000
Judge Timika Lane for Superior Court	\$475,000
PA Fund for Change	\$375,000
Fairness PA	\$300,000
Forward Together	\$300,000
Friends of Judge McLaughlin	\$275,000
Amanda Green Hawkins for Judge	\$275,000
Kunselman 2017	\$260,000
Wolf PAC	\$200,000
DT PAC	\$185,000
Jeffrey Sheridan	\$176,125
Nichols for PA	\$130,000
Friends of Kevin Branco	\$125,000
Elect Jill Beck	\$125,000
Committee to Retain Justice Todd	\$100,000
George Scott for PA 15	\$100,000
Family & Friends of Janet Diaz	\$100,000

[1]Stephen Caruso And Kate Huangpu, “Spending On Pa. Supreme Court Race Broke Records, Set Precedent For Outside Influence,” [Spotlight PA](#), 11/15/23

(Source: [Pennsylvania Secretary Of State](#)).

# LawPAC

## TOP LAW FIRM DONORS TO LAW PAC

Since 2017, LawPAC of Pennsylvania received more than \$3 million in contributions. Of these contributors, 12 law firms gave \$40,000 or more to Pennsylvania’s LawPAC since 2017. The largest donor was Edgar Snyder & Associates, which gave almost \$150,000 combined to LawPAC, which is nearly \$60,000 more than Anapol Weiss, the next largest donor. Three additional firms – Goodrich & Geist, Fanelli Evans & Patel, and Kline & Specter – each gave more than \$75,000 to LawPAC since 2017. Four additional firms gave between \$55,000 and \$65,000, with the remaining three firms giving between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Top Law Firm Donors to LawPAC Since 2017	
Law Firm	Total Donated
Edgar Snyder & Associates	\$148,735
Anapol Weiss	\$90,290
Goodrich & Geist	\$82,940
Fanelli Evans & Patel	\$78,360
Kline & Specter	\$78,294
Feldman Shepherd	\$64,940
Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky PC	\$64,050
Schmidt Kramer	\$59,450
Haggerty Goldberg Schleifer & Kupersmith	\$55,960
Pond Lehocky	\$49,820
Krasno Krasno & Onwudinjo	\$41,350
Berger Lagnese & Paul	\$41,200

(Source: Pennsylvania Secretary Of State).

Top LawPAC Expenditures & Recipients Since 2017	
Candidate, Committee or Expenditure	Total Donated
Jay Costa for Senate	\$183,200
Citizens for Vincent Hughes	\$164,625
Friends of Frank Dermody	\$143,000
Friends of Joanna McClinton	\$100,750
Friends of Matt Bradford	\$87,500
Misc Expenses	\$74,700
PA HDCC	\$73,000
Friends of Pam Iovino	\$70,500
Friends of Frank Farry	\$65,800
Citizens for Mullery	\$62,000
Friends of Jake Corman	\$61,000
Tom Wolf for Governor	\$53,500

(Source: Pennsylvania Secretary Of State).

## TOP LAW PAC RECIPIENTS AND ANALYSIS

Since 2017, LawPAC has given 11 candidates for elected office and political committees more than \$50,000 in combined campaign contributions. Four of those candidates and committees received more than \$100,000, while the rest received campaign contributions between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Of the Top 11 recipients of LawPAC donations, all but two were Democrats, with most of the Democrats either serving on a top committee (like Sen. Vincent Hughes, the Ranking Member of the Pennsylvania Senate’s Appropriations Committee) or serving in leadership (Sen. Jay Costa is the current Senate Minority Leader, and Rep. Joanna McClinton is the Pennsylvania House Speaker).

Two notable exceptions to this rule are the committees for former Sen. Pam Iovino and former Rep. Gerald Mullery. Sen. Iovino successfully won a competitive state senate special election in 2019 that flipped a previously Republican seat, while Rep. Mullery is a trial lawyer. Two Republicans – Sen. Frank Farry and former Sen. Jake Corman – were the only Republicans receiving more than \$50,000 from LawPAC since 2017.

# Top Legal Services Advertisers and Contributions to Top Trial Lawyer PACs

Six of 2023’s top legal services advertisers in Pennsylvania gave a combined \$2.6 million to LawPAC and the Committee for a Better Tomorrow since 2017. Most of that money came from two firms – Kline & Specter and Pond Lehocky – which donated approximately \$1.5 million and \$750,000 respectively. Two additional firms – Lundy Law and Edgar Snyder & Associates – donated between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Top Legal Services Advertisers Donations to Top Trial Lawyer PACs Since 2017	
Firm	Total Given
Kline & Specter PC	\$1,525,389
Pond Lehocky	\$746,873
Lundy Law	\$190,000
Edgar Snyder & Associates	\$143,530
Morgan & Morgan	\$66,400
Berger & Green PC	\$14,060

(Source: Pennsylvania Secretary Of State)

## METHODOLOGY

Pennsylvania’s campaign finance system lacks robust search functionality and does not offer the option to download data in bulk for comprehensive analysis. Due to this issue, data was downloaded showing all contributions between 2017 and 2023, meaning some data may have been lost in the process due to storage constraints. Furthermore, the downloaded data contained only file numbers associated with committees, omitting committee names, which posed additional challenges for analysis. Given these limitations, the datasets utilized are conservative in nature.