

Clerk of Supreme Court - New Recusal Rules Needed For Supreme Court

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past 30 years, I have watched our politics completely hollowed out by the money of a few individual people/organizations. This cancer has spread throughout the political process and this dark money influences now even local school board elections. Congress is the best that money can buy, and now our judicial system is following suit.

I find it amazing that when I appear in court to fulfill my obligation to society to serve on a jury, if I have any expertise or education the defense attorney can just strike me off the jury for no reason. On the other hand, we have a judge that has been given thousands and thousands of dollars from an individual. That judge then sits on a case where that judge is making decisions about the very person that has given them a boatload of money. When you buy a judge, no matter what the judge says, they are influenced by the fact that all that money bought the position that the judge occupies.

Society needs clear rules for judges that spell out when a judge may or may not serve on a case when there is a conflict of interest. Leaving the decision completely up the individual judge invites complete corruption. The saying is "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." We can do better.

Sincerely,

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