

Cases and contributions: By the numbers

82 Number of civil cases decided by Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2008-09.

49 Number of those cases in which litigant, law firm or attorney had contributed to at least one judge.

15 Number of cases in which contributing law firms represented one side and noncontributing firms the other.

11 Number of those 15 cases won by contributors.

\$8,000,000

Amount that sitting Supreme Court justices have raised in their election campaigns.

90 Percentage of Pennsylvanians who believe campaign contributions affect judicial decisions in some cases.

Sources: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts; National Institute on Money in State Politics; American Judicature Society; Pennsylvania Supreme Court

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