



Stuffed Suit:

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Anti-Tort Activist's Company Sues for Up to \$1.3 Billion

Kelcy Warren's Pipeline Company Tries Tapping the Courts.

Energy Transfer Partners CEO Kelcy Warren became an anti-tort warrior when he transferred \$250,000 to Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC in late 2010.

Just months after Warren underwrote TLR PAC his company and Enterprise Products Partners hatched a plan to build an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Houston. When Enterprise abandoned the project for a different one with Canada's Enbridge, Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) sued both those companies.

ETP now seeks up to \$1.3 billion in alleged actual damages, on top of punitive damages. "We were cheated on," ETP's lawyer recently argued. "They kicked us like we were dogs." The defense countered that ETP seeks in court "what it could not achieve in the marketplace."¹

Big dog Kelcy Warren found a politician to represent his complex, dual role as a tort-reforming plaintiff. Greg Abbott received \$404,803 in recent years from ETP's PAC and

top two executives. Nobody has surpassed Warren in giving to Abbott so far this year.

That support could skyrocket—if Energy Transfer Partners joins Abbott in winning the fabled lawsuit lottery.



Lawsuit-nuanced Kelcy Warren

Abbott's Energy Transfer Partners

Amount	Abbott Donor	Date
\$250,000	Kelcy Warren	1/213/2014
\$50,000	Kelcy Warren	4/24/2012
\$50,000	Kelcy Warren	7/5/2011
\$10,000	Mackie McCrea	6/19/2013
\$10,000	Mackie McCrea	11/30/2012
\$10,000	Kelcy Warren	10/4/2010
\$10,000	Kelcy Warren	12/2/2009
\$5,000	ETP PAC	10/10/2012
\$5,000	Mackie McCrea	12/9/2009
\$2,500	ETP PAC	10/5/2011
\$1,303	Kelcy Warren	11/17/2011
\$1,000	ETP PAC	10/4/2010
\$404,803	TOTAL	

¹ "Two Texas Energy Giants Take Multibillion-Dollar Dispute to Jury," *Dallas Morning News*, January 27, 2014. "Pipeline Trial Has Feel of a Divorce," *Dallas Morning News*, February 3, 2014.