



Fruits of Fraud:

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Wyly Securities-Scam Brothers Armed Texas' Grand Ole Party

This month jurors on Manhattan Island found that the Wyly brothers of Dallas committed massive civil [securities fraud](#) by secretly manipulating offshore trusts in the Cayman Islands and the Isle of Man from 1992 to 2005. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is seeking \$550 million in allegedly ill-gotten profits from Sam Wyly and the estate of brother Charles, who died in 2011.

Fruits of this investment fraud appear to have trickled down to Texas politicians. The two Wyly brothers contributed \$1,247,543 to state PACs and politicians from 2000 through 2009, money that overwhelmingly benefitted the GOP. The Wyllys also gave heavily to members of Congress, led by a former Wyly employee: Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Dallas.¹

The favorite state candidates of the fraternal securities defrauders include many candidates for Texas' top legal and judicial offices. While that might be considered ironic in some locales, it may be fitting in Texas—where the State Securities Board recently [reprimanded](#) the front-running attorney general candidate for securities law violations.

Notes

¹ "Wyly Gifts May Be Liability," *Dallas Morning News*, May 14, 2014.

Top Wyly Bros. Contributions

Amount	Recipient (Since 2000)
\$352,500	Rick Perry
\$308,152	David Dewhurst
\$100,000	Republican Party of Texas
\$85,000	Greg Abbott
\$67,500	Carole Keeton Strayhorn
\$52,541	Texans For Lawsuit Reform
\$25,000	Kenneth S. George
\$25,000	David Sibley
\$23,750	Dan Haley PAC (John Cornyn)
\$21,000	Tom Craddick
\$20,000	Texans for a Republican Majority
\$17,000	Tony Garza
\$15,000	Daniel H. Branch
\$11,500	Kent Grusendorf
\$10,000	Dallas Co. Republican Party
\$10,000	Stars Over Texas PAC (Craddick)
\$10,000	Texas Business for Clean Air
\$8,000	Susan Combs
\$8,000	SW Research & Medical PAC
\$7,500	Kenn George
\$7,000	Victor Carrillo
\$5,000	Kevin P. Eltife
\$5,000	Paul Green
\$5,000	Mike Schneider
\$5,000	Florence Shapiro
\$5,000	Don Willett
\$5,000	Steven D. Wolens
\$3,000	Jane Nelson
\$2,500	Bob Deuell