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FACT SHEET

Attitudes on Money in Texas Court Elections

When asked, "What influence do you feel campaign contributions made to Texas judges have on the decisions they make in the courtroom?"

The **general public** in Texas responded...

Very significant influence	43 percent
Somewhat significant influence	40 percent

Court personnel in Texas responded....

Very significant influence	31 percent
Fairly significant influence	38 percent
Not very significant influence	22 percent
No influence	9 percent

Attorneys in Texas responded...

Very significant influence	37 percent
Fairly significant influence	42 percent
Not very significant influence	20 percent
No influence	1 percent

Judges in Texas responded...

Very significant influence	17 percent
Fairly significant influence	31 percent
Not very significant influence	38 percent
No influence	14 percent

Source: All data from The Courts and the Legal Profession – The Insider’s Perspective, prepared by Supreme Court of Texas, State Bar of Texas, Texas Office of Court Administration, May 1999, except for data on General Public which is from Public Trust and Confidence in the Courts and Legal Profession in Texas, prepared by Supreme Court of Texas, State Bar of Texas, Texas Office of Court Administration, December 1998.