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William L. LaBre, J.D., Chairman

June 29, 2012

TO: ALL COUNTY and DISTRICT CHAIRS
BOBBY SCHOSTAK, STATE CHAIR
RICHARD STUDLEY, President, Michigan Chamber of Commerce

RE: NOMINATION OF DEMOCRATIC JUDGE COLLEEN A. O'BRIEN TO SUPREME COURT

Greetings Colleagues and Republican Members of the Supreme Court:

I am taking this extraordinary step of writing to each of you within the Republican Party because of my concern that we do not nominate a Democrat at our own State Convention.

Michigan has a unique structure whereby the main political parties nominate persons to the non-partisan Supreme Court. In this way the People of Michigan have a clear choice between judges who view the law as a tool to effect whatever social change they desire, or who view the law as a mandate to be obeyed. For this reason the political choices which a candidate for the Supreme Court has previously made gives the clearest insight into what that candidate will do on the Bench.

I am enclosing for your review a series of public documents, going back almost twenty years, which show Judge O'Brien as having consistently contributed to the Democratic Party and attending Democratic events. There is no record of any contributions to the Republican Party. The enclosed documents are available on the Web for all to see.

A word of explanation of the documents may be helpful:

- 1.) As shown on the document with a large "X", and on Schedule A, in 1994 Judge O'Brien contributed to both the Democratic Party, and to the very liberal Democrat, Congressman Bob Carr in both his primary and general elections. Mr. Carr's enclosed biography, on page two, shows that, in 1994, he ran against our own Sen. Spence Abraham; that is the election to which she contributed.
- 2.) In her own 1998 filings for election with Michigan Secretary of State, she disclosed receiving a \$500.00 contribution from the Teamsters 1038 PAC.

- 3.) In 2004, she contributed to the Committee to elect Fran Brennan Pontoni, a Democrat running for a Michigan House of Representatives seat.
- 4.) On October 6, 2009, Judge O'Brien made two contributions to the Oakland Democratic Party totally \$250.00, and attended the Phil Hart Dinner featuring Congressman Barney Frank.

This eighteen (18) year history of contributions to democrats shows a long and consistent pattern. To paraphrase an old adage, "to find a person's heart, follow where they give their money". By contrast, Judge Markey has given more than ten thousand dollars to the Party and Republican candidates, and has been a fixture in the Party for almost twenty five years.

I've been the Cass County GOP Chair for sixteen years, and a practicing attorney for over thirty five years. My loyalty to the GOP, and my concern for the integrity of the judges of this State, impels me to bring to your attention, prior to the nomination of the Supreme Court Justices at the September Convention, this disturbing information: Without our knowledge, we are being asked to nominate a Democrat to the Supreme Court.

I will also frankly tell you that I have been a supporter of Judge Jane Markey, a true Republican, and a "rule of law" judge on the Court of Appeals since 1994. I disclose this support so that you know that the information which I am sending to you is not based on a "hidden agenda", but rather on my desire that you know the truth about the two leading candidates for one of the Supreme Court seats.

I will look forward to seeing many of you at the September Convention, and I want to thank you for your own service on behalf of the Republican Party.

Sincerely yours,

William L. LaBre, J.D., Chairman

Cass County Republican Party

cc: Hon. Robert P. Young, Jr., Chief Justice

Hon. Stephen J. Markman, Justice

Hon. Mary Beth Kelly, Justice

Hon. Brian K. Zahra, Justice

Hon. Jane E. Markey, Judge, Court of Appeals

Hon. Colleen A. O'Brien, Circuit Judge

Exhibit "1"

Donor Search Candidates

Hall of Fame Web Search

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Hall of Fame			

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PAGE 19/126 FOR LINE NUMBER: SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X) Use separate schedule(s) (check only one) for each category of the ITEMIZED RECEIPTS 11a 11b 11c 12 **Detailed Summary Page** 15 Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee. NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) Oakland County Democratic Party Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Date of Receipt Gregory Miles Mailing Address 19116 Greenwald Dr 05 2,00,9 10 Transaction ID: C3343424 City State Zip Code Southfield MI 48075-5871 Amount of Each Receipt this Period FEC ID number of contributing C 205.00 federal political committee. Name of Employer Faygo Occupation machine Operator Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ Receipt For: Primary General 205.00 Other (specify) Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Date of Receipt Colleen O'Brien Mailing Address 3560 Charlwood Dr 10 2,00,9 06 City State Zip Code Transaction ID: C3351990 Rochester Hills MI 48306-3623 Amount of Each Receipt this Period FEC ID number of contributing 200.00 C federal political committee. Name of Employer 6th Circuit Court Occupation Presiding Judge Civil/Criminal Divisio Receipt For: Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ Primary General 250.00 Other (specify) Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Date of Receipt Colleen O'Brien Mailing Address 3560 Charlwood Dr 200,9 06 Transaction ID: C3351999 Zip Code City State MI 48306-3623 Amount of Each Receipt this Period Rochester Hills FEC ID number of contributing C 50.00 federal political committee. Name of Employer 6th Circuit Court Occupation Presiding Judge Civil/Criminal Divisio Receipt For: Aggregate Year-to-Date Primary General 250.00 Other (specify) 455.00 SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

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Milton Robert Carr

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Milton Robert Carr, commonly known as **Bob Carr**, (born March 27, 1943) is a lawyer and politician from the U.S. state of Michigan.

Carr served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan's 6th and 8th congressional districts for eight terms and one term, respectively. Carr's career in the U.S. House had a two-year hiatus in which he had lost his seat to Jim Dunn in 1980 before being reelected to Congress in 1982. Following his career in Congress, Carr became of counsel at a Washington, D.C.-based communications law firm in 2005. He is involved with the United States Association of Former Members of Congress, where he serves on the board of directors.

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- 1 Biography
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 - 1.2 Later career
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Biography

Carr was born in Janesville, Wisconsin and was educated in public schools of Janesville. He received a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison in 1965 and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School

Milton Robert "Bob" Carr



Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan's 6th district

In office

January 3, 1975 – January 3, 1981

Preceded by Charles E. Chamberlain

Succeeded by Jim Dunn

In office

January 3, 1983 – January 3, 1993

Preceded by Jim Dunn

Succeeded by Fred Upton

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan's 8th district

In office

January 3, 1993 – January 3, 1995

Preceded by Bob Traxler

Succeeded by Dick Chrysler

Personal details

in 1968. He did graduate work at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1968 and to the Michigan bar in 1969. He commenced practice in Lansing, Michigan and served as Michigan assistant attorney general, 1970–1972.

Born	March	27,	1943

Janesville, Wisconsin

Nationality American

Political party Democratic

Spouse(s) Kate Carr

Alma mater University of Wisconsin-Madison

Occupation Lawyer

U.S. House career

Carr was elected as a Democrat from Michigan's 6th congressional district to the U.S. House for the 94th and to the two succeeding Congresses, serving from January 3, 1975 to January 3, 1981. He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1980 to the 97th Congress, being defeated by Jim Dunn. Two years later, he defeated Dunn and was elected to the 98th and subsequently re-elected to the five succeeding Congresses, serving from January 3, 1983 to January 3, 1995. The last two years he represented Michigan's 8th congressional district after the redistricting in 1993. He was not a candidate for reelection in 1994, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate, losing to Spencer Abraham.

Carr began his career in Congress with a reputation as a rebel and self-described "angry young man." Shortly after his election in 1974, he called for the resignation of Democratic U.S. House Speaker Carl Albert. Carr later expressed public regret for his early attacks on the Congressional leadership and called them "sheer, naive stupidity." After taking office in 1975 Carr was named to the House Armed Services Committee, where he focused his attention on ending U.S. involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. On March 12, 1975 with the influential help of House Democratic Caucus Chairman Phillip Burton, Carr authored a resolution that passed the Caucus by 189-49 effectively cutting off further military assistance to South Vietnam or to Cambodia in fiscal year 1975.

After losing and regaining his seat in the 1980 and 1982 elections, respectively, he was named to the House Committee on Appropriations, lowered his profile and focused his attention on budget and spending issues. He became chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, where he pioneered the use of an economic based criteria and ranking system to earmarks requested by members of Congress for their districts.

Later career

In 2005 Carr became Of Counsel at DowLohnes PLLC, a communications law firm in Washington, DC where he works in the firm's Government Relations and Legislation practice as a lawyer and a lobbyist. He is a member of the board of directors of the

United States Association of Former Members of Congress. He is married to Kate Carr, a foundation executive, and has one child, Alexandra Anne, a stepdaughter Jennifer Smith McCloskey, and a stepson Christopher Smith McCloskey.

References

■ Milton Robert Carr (http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl? index=C000178) at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*

■ The Political Graveyard (http://politicalgraveyard.com/bio/carr.html#R9M0IRY5L)

[1] (http://select.nytimes.com/mem/archive/pdf? res=F20F16FE3D58137B93C1A81788D85F418785F9) The Broken Branch, Mann & Ornstein, Oxford Press, 2006, ISBN 0-19-517446-1 link title (http://www.dowlohnes.com/bcarr/)

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Categories: Members of the United States House of Representatives from Michigan

American lobbyists | People from Janesville, Wisconsin | 1943 births | Living people

University of Wisconsin-Madison alumni

University of Wisconsin Law School alumni | Michigan State University alumni

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Exhibit "2"

RECEIVED ONS

98 OCT 30 AM 9: 55 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To: Michigan Department of State

Bureau of Elections
Post office Box 20126
Lansing, MI 48901

October 30, 1998

RE: Late Contribution Report

Committee Name: O'Brien for Circuit Court Judge

ID Number 509049-3

360 Fordcroft

Rochester Hills, Mii 48309

810.781.0227

Late contributions: On October 29th a late contribution of \$500.00 was received from:

Teamsters 1038 PAC 2741 Trumball Ave Detroit, MI 48216

On October 28th a late contribution of \$500.00 each was received from:

Joel Serlin

4866 Cliffside Drive

West Bloomfield 48223

Bruce Kahn

1476 Lakewood Drive

Bloomfield Hills 48302

On October 28th a late contribution of \$200 each was received from:

Barry Rosenbaum

5587 Northcote

West Bloomfield, 48322

Ronald Cornell

482 Madison

Grosse Poonte Farms 48236

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Adam Rosenberg 10474 Talbot Huntington Woods 48070

Tova Shaban 18141 Locherbie Beverly Hills 48025

Henry Nirenberg 3341 Long Meadow West Bloomfield 48324

All of the above are attorneys and employed by:

Seymour, Kahn, Gim, Bess, Deitch & Serlin PC 2000 Town Center Suite 1500 Southfield, 48075

On October 29th a late contribution of \$200 was received from James Borin 6303 Tutbury
Troy, Mi 48098

Attorney - emplyed By: Aran, Lucow, Miller PC 1111 W. Long Lake Suite 300 Troy, Mi 48098

As required, this will be listed in the next filing as a contribution.

If you have any questions or need further information please call me on 810.781.0227.

Debra L. O'Brien - Treasurer

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Political Donor Record

Source Information

Data Acquired: Update Frequency: Current Date: 10/01/2006 ARCHIVE ONLY 05/02/2012

Name and Personal Information

Name: Address: COLLEEN O'BRIEN 3560 CHARLWOOD DR

ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48306-3623

Donation Information

First Contribution Date:

07/15/2004

Amount:

\$50.00 07/15/2004

Last Contribution Date:
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Candidate/Committee/PAC:

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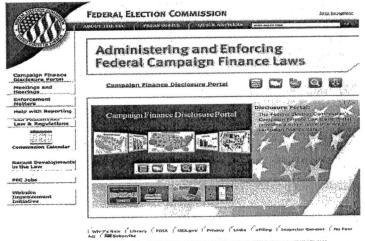
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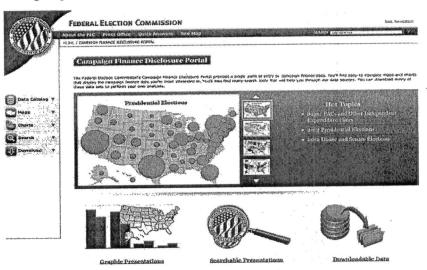
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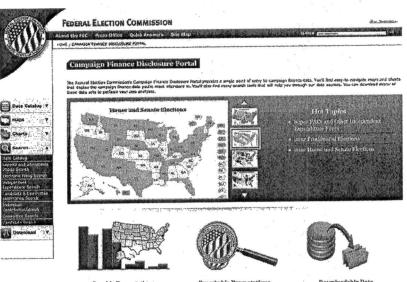


2. Click on "Campaign Finance Disclosure Portal" (left hand side of the page) You will jump to http://www.fec.gov/pindex.shtml



3. Click on "Search" (left hand side of the page)

That opens a menu.



4. Click on "Individual Contribution Search"
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- 5. Enter the contributor name (Last, First) that is the subject of your inquiry:Republican Supreme Court nomination candidate Colleen O'Brien.
- 6. Then click the "Get Listing" button.
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Presented by the Federal Election Commission

Individual Contributions Arranged By Type, Giver, Then Recipient

Contributions to Political Committees

O'BRIEN, COLLEEN ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48306 6TH CIRCUIT COURT/PRESIDING JUDGE

OAKLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY 10/06/2009 200.00

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The Listing discloses a \$200 contribution to the Oakland Democratic Party on October 6, 2009. If you click on the hypertext number associated with the contribution (10930011613) it will take you to the page of the report filed by the Oakland County Democratic Party reflecting receipts and expenditures for October of 2009. The report discloses two contributions by Judge Colleen O'Brien on October 6, 2009: one for \$200 and one for \$50.

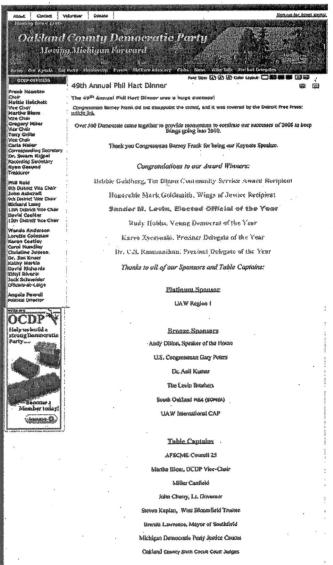
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According to the website of the Berkley Democratic Club as well as the websites of the Oakland Democratic Party, the Phil Hart Dinnerat issue was held on October 4, 2009. It featured keynote speaker Congressman Barney Frank.





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It is not clear whether Judge O'Brien's contribution represented her share of the table sponsorship by the Democrat judges from the Sixth Circuit Court or her payment of the VIP reception fee for an opportunity to rub elbows with Congressman Barney Frank.