

What Does Strayhorn Have in Common with Clinton and Kennedy?



Carole Strayhorn Accepts \$500,000 from Hillary Clinton & Ted Kennedy Donors

Carole Strayhorn's recently filed campaign reports show her receiving nearly \$2 million from personal injury trial lawyers alone, some of whom have also given to Hillary Rodham Clinton and Ted Kennedy. In Strayhorn's latest report, Tobacco Five personal injury trial lawyers John Eddie Williams and Walter Umphrey each gave her \$250,000. Strayhorn received numerous donations from other personal injury trial lawyers as well, including Lance Lubel, Guy Matthews, Robert Taylor, Bernard Klimist, Robert Templeton, Fleming and Associates, and Minton Burton Foster and Collins, P.C.

It's not news that money talks with Strayhorn. In 2005, the Texas State Auditor's Office found that Strayhorn had taken nearly \$2 million in campaign contributions from the same entities that received over 3,000 tax refunds totaling over \$460 million from her agency.

Today's Austin American Statesman reported that "In early June, a lawyer and an accountant who represent businesses challenging taxes collected by state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office met with a legal adviser to Strayhorn. By month's end, the visitors and their colleagues had given more than \$400,000 to Strayhorn's gubernatorial campaign — 13 percent of the \$3 million she raised from January through June."

Additionally, the Houston Chronicle reported in May that Strayhorn attended a "wild soiree" celebrating the 70th birthday of Democrat Tobacco Five personal injury trial lawyer Walter Umphrey of Beaumont.

Seeking large contributions from liberal Democrat personal injury trial lawyers and taking huge sums from organizations with issues before the Comptroller's Office, Strayhorn has truly returned to her roots in the smoke-filled backrooms of old-fashioned Democrat politics.

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