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THE CURRENT PROCESS IS AS POLITICAL AS IT COULD POSSIBLY GET

1. It is **political** (*and the Sunshine Law does not apply to the political decisions*)
2. The decision-makers have strong **financial interests** (*in appointing “friendly” judges*)
3. They **never** stand before Missouri’s voters (*so they never have to justify their choice*)

So who are the officials who have been picking judges for our highest courts?

1. Nancy Mogab, Appellate Judicial Commissioner:

Bar Member from the Eastern District, **MATA Member, and former member of MATA Board of Governors. Contributions:**

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|-------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| \$500 | 2/2004 | John Edwards for President |
| \$100 | 2/2004 | Holden for Governor |
| \$100 | 5/2004 | Jason Klumb for Treasurer |
| \$100 | 5/2004 | Holden for Governor |
| \$300 | 10/2001 | Jean A. Carnahan PAC |

2. Steve Garner, Appellate Judicial Commissioner (termed out):

Bar Member from Southern District, involved in Patricia Breckenridge appointment fiasco and member **MATA’s Board of Governors.**

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| \$1,600 | 9/2003 | Nancy Farmer for Senate |
| \$1,000 | 9/2003 | Edwards for President |
| \$1,000 | 2/2004 | Edwards for President |
| \$2,000 | 4/2004 | James Newberry for Congress |
| \$1,850 | 5/2004 | John Kerry for President |
| \$2,000 | 9/2004 | James Newberry for Congress |
| \$1,000 | 12/2004 | Russ Carnahan |
| \$500 | 9/2006 | Montee for Auditor |
| \$1,200 | 12/2005 | Nixon for Governor |
| \$1,000 | 2/2006 | Claire McCaskill for US Senate |
| \$1,000 | 6/2006 | Claire McCaskill for US Senate |
| \$450 | 9/2007 | Callahan for State Senate |
| \$1,000 | 9/2007 | Page for Missouri |
| \$1,275 | 11/2007 | Missourians for Koster |
| \$1,350 | 8/2008 | Page for Missouri |
| \$1,350 | 8/2008 | Jay Nixon for Missouri |

3. John Woodell, Appellate Judicial Commissioner:

Bar Member from Southern District, and a **Governor of MATA.**

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| \$250 | 11/2003 | Nancy Farmer for U.S. Senate |
| \$1000 | 6/2004 | John Kerry for President |
| \$250 | 8/2000 | Ike Skelton for Congress Committee |
| \$333 | 8/2000 | Carnahan for Senate Committee |

4. Jill Shurin, Appellate Judicial Commissioner:

Governor Holden's appointee to the Western District. Married to **prominent trial attorney Leland Shurin**, who is **official member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum**, an extremely elite club of trial attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar settlements against businesses. **Contributions:**

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| \$1,000 | 2/2002 | Mark Pryor for US Senate |
| \$1,200 | 6/2004 | Nixon for Attorney General |
| \$1,200 | 11/2005 | Nixon for Governor |
| \$300 | 9/2006 | Page for Missouri |
| \$10,000 | 1/2007 | Nixon for Governor |
| \$200 | 8/2007 | People for Terry Stone |
| \$200 | 9/2007 | LeVota for Missouri |

5. Richard McLeod, Appellate Judicial Commissioner:

Bar Member from the Western District and an **active member of MATA.** **Contributions:**

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|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| \$2,000 | 12/2003 | Dick Gephardt |
| \$500 | 3/2004 | Nancy Farmer |
| \$250 | 7/2004 | Russ Carnahan |
| \$1,000 | 9/2005 | Claire McCaskill for US Senate |
| \$1,000 | 7/2006 | Claire McCaskill for US Senate |
| \$1,000 | 10/2006 | Claire McCaskill for US Senate |
| \$775 | 1/2008 | Missourians for Koster |
| \$500 | 8/2008 | Jay Nixon for Missouri |

Contrary to the claims of reform opponents . . .

**Improvements CAN be made to reduce
the special interest politics in judicial
selection.**