

# Ziegler returned \$228,000 to donors

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Justice Annette Ziegler returned \$227,962 to donors in May and June after she won another 10-year term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court without opposition.

In addition to the returned donations, Ziegler spent \$18,064, leaving her with \$38,032.

Following her win, Ziegler notified donors she would return a prorated portion of their contributions if they requested the money.

Consultant Mark Graul said the report covered the vast majority, if not all, of the requests. He also said some expenses had not yet been realized before the June 30 close of the latest reporting period.

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Once those are paid, the justice will start making donations to spend down the rest of the account, he said.

A WisPolitics.com check of Ziegler's report found her biggest donors received a return of about 70 percent of their initial contribution.

For example, Daniel McKeithan, of Milwaukee, and Margaret Ziegler, the justice's mother-in-law, each gave Ziegler \$20,000 originally. They received \$14,000 back.

Nine supporters gave Ziegler \$10,000 and received a \$7,000 refund. They include: Beloit billionaire Diane Hendricks; car dealer and former U.S. Senate candidate Russ Darrow; and Illinois businessman Richard Uihlein.

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