

# State GOP gave Screnock almost half the \$231,861 he raised in pre-primary period for Supreme Court bid

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Supreme Court candidate Michael Screnock raised \$231,861 over the first five weeks of the year, with almost half of that coming from the Republican Party of Wisconsin through in-kind donations, according to his report filed with the state Ethics Commission.

The state GOP contributed \$76,757 for digital ads, \$28,336 for mailing services and \$5,866 for staff between Jan. 1 and Feb. 5.

That does not include the \$31,125 the state GOP gave the Sauk County judge's campaign after the pre-primary period last week, meaning the party's investment totals at least \$142,084.

The state GOP has been active in Supreme Court races before and was the largest donor to Justice Rebecca Bradley's campaign in 2016 with almost \$69,176 in contributions for the entire race. The party doubled that for Screnock more than a week before the Feb. 20 primary.

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During the pre-primary period, Screnock spent \$200,794 and had \$90,212 left in the bank to close the period. The in-kind donations from the state GOP also count toward Screnock's spending totals.

He also listed \$7,507 in outstanding obligations.

By comparison, Milwaukee County Judge Rebecca Dallet raised \$91,746 in the pre-primary period, while Middleton attorney Tim Burns pulled in \$79,041. Neither listed donations from a political party.