

WisDems: WILL & Zignego family dig deep for Dan Kelly

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MADISON, Wis. — According to campaign finance filings released last night, parties tied to the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty and the Zignego family continued to funnel resources into Dan Kelly's campaign.

In 2019, Kelly [initially recused himself from hearing a case](#) brought by WILL and plaintiff Timothy Zignego demanding hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin voters be purged from voting rolls. Later in 2020, Kelly then [reversed his recusal and agreed to hear the case](#)—after accepting \$20,000 in contributions from members of the Zignego family.

Also in 2020, Kelly accepted more than \$14,000 in contributions from WILL board members.

Now, Dan Kelly is back at it, accepting more than \$20,000 from members of the Zignego family, and more than \$32,000 from members of WILL's board this cycle.

\$20,050 from members of the Zignego family: \$5,000 from David J. Zignego; \$2,500 from Louis R. Zignego; \$2,500 from Matthew Zignego; \$5,000 from Paul R. Zignego; \$2,500 from Robert M. Zignego; \$2,500 from Scott A. Zignego; and \$50 from Ronald J. Zignego.

\$32,500 from WILL's President and Board of Directors: \$2,500 from Mike Grebe; \$7,500 from James T. Barry; \$20,000 from Michael H. White; and \$2,500 from WILL founder and president Rick Esenberg.

“For years, Dan Kelly has made no secret of his ties to the extremist Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty and its plaintiffs, and Kelly's latest campaign filings lay

bare how deeply intertwined he remains with these special interests,”
said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director Joe Oslund**.
“From serving on the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty’s advisory board, to
collecting campaign checks from its founder and star plaintiff’s family, there’s no
doubt that Dan Kelly would be a rubber stamp on the Supreme Court for dangerous
litigation attacking working people, public education, and voting rights here in
Wisconsin.”