

School for Scandal: Who Has Lawyered Up and Why



Rep. Bob Ney (R-Ohio)

Lawyer: Mark Tuohey

Firm: Vinson & Elkins

Ney is under scrutiny for comments in the *Congressional Record* that helped Jack Abramoff acquire SunCruz casinos, a deal for which the lobbyist has pleaded guilty to wire fraud.



Edwin Buckham

Lawyer: David Geneson

Firm: Hunton & Williams

The former DeLay chief of staff allegedly started a nonprofit while on the Hill that got more than \$1 million from Abramoff clients.



David Safavian

Lawyer: Barbara Van Gelder

Firm: Wiley Rein & Fielding

Safavian was arrested in September 2005 on charges of obstruction of justice and making false statements to a federal grand jury connected to the lobbying probe.

The Department of Justice's ongoing public corruption probe has become something of a full-employment act for Washington's elite defense lawyers. Below is a breakdown of some of those caught in the scandal and their legal counsel. It's compiled from original reporting, court filings, and press stories.

	CLIENT	LAWYER	FIRM	NOTES
1.	Jack Abramoff	Abbe Lowell Neal Sonnett	Chadbourne & Parke solo practitioner	Ex-lobbyist pleaded guilty in January to charges of conspiracy, tax evasion, and fraud to bribe public officials, as well as charges related to the SunCruz deal.
2.	Americans for Tax Reform	Cleta Mitchell	Foley & Lardner	A nonprofit run by Grover Norquist received funds from Abramoff's clients.
3.	Todd Boulanger	T. Mark Flanagan	McKenna Long & Aldridge	Member of "Team Abramoff" at Preston Gates and Greenberg Traurig.
4.	Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.)	Ralph Caccia	Powell Goldstein	Received large donations from Abramoff's tribal clients, for whom he pushed legislation.
5.	Chris Cathcart	Charles Leeper	Drinker Biddle & Reath	Former associate at a firm run by Michael Scanlon.
6.	Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Texas)	Richard Cullen	McGuireWoods	Former House majority leader who went on trips sponsored by Abramoff.
7.	Rep. John Doolittle (R-Calif.)	David Barger	Williams Mullin	His wife received payments from Abramoff's firm.
8.	Julie Doolittle	William Stauffer	Miles & Stockbridge	Subpoenaed in the probe because she received payments from Abramoff's firm. She also worked for the now-defunct Alexander Strategy Group.
9.	Italia Federici	Michael Scheininger	McKenna Long & Aldridge	Head of the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, which is under scrutiny over whether payments it received from Abramoff clients were meant to improperly influence decisions at the Interior Department.
10.	Greenberg Traurig	Kevin Downey Henry Schuelke	Williams & Connolly Janis, Schuelke & Wechsler	The firm where Abramoff and his team were employed from 2000 until he resigned in 2004.
11.	J. Steven Griles	Barry Hartman	Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nelson Graham	Former No. 2 at the Interior Department has come under fire over allegations that he tried to block an Indian casino deal at Abramoff's request.
12.	Gail Halpern	Kevin Murphy	Carr Maloney	Abramoff's former tax adviser.
13.	William Heaton	John Nassikas	Arent Fox	Ney's former chief of staff who attended a 2002 trip to Scotland arranged by Alexander Strategy Group lobbyist Tony Rudy.
14.	Adam Kidan	Joseph Conway	LaRusso & Conway	A former business associate of Abramoff who pleaded guilty to wire fraud and conspiracy in connection with the SunCruz deal.
15.	Brian Mann, Aaron Stetter & Jeremy Diehl	Barry Pollack	Kelley Drye Collier Shannon	Former associates at companies run by Scanlon.
16.	Michael Mihalke	F. Joseph Warin	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	Former lobbyist with the now-defunct Alexander Strategy Group.
17.	Edward Miller	Aron Raskas	Kramon & Graham	Deputy chief of staff to Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich who was subpoenaed.
18.	Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds	Roger Warin	Stephoe & Johnson	Law firm where Abramoff was employed from 1994 to 2000.
19.	Susan Ralston	Bradford Berenson	Sidley Austin	Former personal assistant to Abramoff; now an aide to Bush adviser Karl Rove.
20.	Ralph Reed	W. Neil Eggleston	Debevoise & Plimpton	Former head of Christian Coalition and friend of Abramoff who received \$4.2 million from Abramoff clients who wanted to stop rival tribes on a casino bid.
21.	Kevin Ring	Richard Hibey	Miller & Chevalier	Part of "Team Abramoff" at Preston Gates and Greenberg Traurig and a former staffer for Rep. Doolittle.
22.	Tony Rudy	Laura Miller	Nixon Peabody	Former DeLay staffer and principal at Alexander Strategy Group who pleaded guilty in March to conspiring with Abramoff.
23.	Michael Scanlon	Plato Cacheris Stephen Braga	Trout Cacheris Baker Botts	Former DeLay staffer who pleaded guilty in November to conspiracy with Abramoff through his public relations company and other front groups.
24.	Michael Smith	Steven Reich	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	A Democrat, Smith was part of "Team Abramoff" at Greenberg Traurig.
25.	Shana Tessler and Samuel Hook	Nathan Lewin	Lewin & Lewin	A husband-and-wife team who were part of "Team Abramoff" at Greenberg Traurig.
26.	Tyco International Ltd.	George Terwilliger	White & Case	Tyco has come under scrutiny over whether Abramoff, a lobbyist for the company, used improper influence to fend off certain tax problems for Tyco.
27.	Shawn Vassal	Philip Inglima	Crowell & Moring	Part of "Team Abramoff" at Greenberg Traurig and Preston Gates and a former Burns staffer.
28.	Neil Volz	Timothy Broas	Winston & Strawn	Part of "Team Abramoff" at Greenberg Traurig and a former chief of staff to Rep. Ney.
29.	Brian Walsh	Kirby Behre	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker	Currently a Ney spokesman.