

A Timeline Of Gifts To Clarence And Virginia Thomas

2001: Harlan Crow Gives Clarence Thomas A Bible Once Owned By Frederick Douglass Worth \$19,000. “The gifts also included a Bible once owned by the 19th century author and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass, which Thomas valued at \$19,000, and a bust of President Lincoln valued at \$15,000...Crow and his wife, Kathy, in 2001 also gave Thomas the Bible that once belonged to Frederick Douglass.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/31/04](#)]

2001: The American Enterprise Institute Gifts Clarence Thomas A Bust Of Abraham Lincoln Valued At \$15,000, Praising Him For His “Clear, Consistent, And Courageous Jurisprudence.” “In 2001, the same year Crow gave him the Douglass Bible, the American Enterprise Institute -- of which Crow is a trustee -- presented Thomas with a bust of Lincoln that the justice valued at \$15,000. The think tank praised him for his ‘clear, consistent, and courageous jurisprudence’ on the Supreme Court.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/31/04](#)]

Early 2001: Harlan Crow Donated \$175,000 For A New Clarence Thomas Wing At The Justice’s Childhood Library In Pin Point, Georgia. “Crow donated \$175,000 for a new Clarence Thomas wing at the justice’s childhood library in Pin Point, Ga.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/31/04](#)]

2004-Present: After The Los Angeles Times Published An Article Examining The Amount Of Gifts Received By Clarence Thomas And Other Justices, Thomas Only Reports Two Gifts Over A Period Of Nearly Two Decades. “One of the two gifts that Thomas reported receiving since 2004 came from Crow: a bronze bust of Frederick Douglass, valued at \$6,484.12, according to Thomas’s 2015 financial disclosure. The other gift was an award from Yale Law School, Thomas’s alma mater, that included a glass medallion and brass plaque valued at \$530, his 2014 disclosure states.” [The Washington Post, [4/7/23](#)]

2007: Clarence Thomas Appears To Have Taken A Cruise Through The Greek Islands On Harlan Crow’s Yacht, The Michaela Rose. “There’s evidence Thomas has taken even more trips on the superyacht. Crow often gave his guests custom polo shirts commemorating their vacations, according to staff. ProPublica found photographs of Thomas wearing at least two of those shirts. In one, he wears a blue polo shirt embroidered with the Michaela Rose’s logo and the words ‘March 2007’ and ‘Greek Islands.’” [ProPublica, [4/6/23](#)]

2008: Harlan Crow Purchases Land In Pin Point, Georgia, For \$1.5 Million To Be The Site Of A Historical Museum Commemorating The Community That Raised Clarence Thomas. “At first glance the Pin Point Heritage Museum, scheduled to open this fall, would seem an unlikely catalyst for an ethical quandary. That Pin Point’s history is worthy of preservation is not in dispute...The Varns eventually sold their property in April 2008...But the paper trail leads back to Mr. Crow, and in interviews at the project site, people working on it acknowledged that he was financing it. Property records show a company called HKJRS/Pinpoint bought the land for \$1.5 million, and incorporation records say the company is controlled by a Dallas-based partnership run by Mr. Crow.” [The New York Times, [6/18/11](#)]

2009: Harlan Crow Provided \$500,000 To Ginni Thomas's Conservative Advocacy Group Liberty Central. "In 2009, Harlan Crow provided \$500,000 to conservative political advocacy group Liberty Central, which was founded by Ginni Thomas, a Politico investigation found." [Reuters, [4/7/23](#)]

2010s: Harlan Rose Takes Clarence Thomas On An Extended Cruise In New Zealand On His Yacht, The Michaela Rose. "The Indonesia vacation wasn't Thomas' first time on the Michaela Rose. He went on a river day trip around Savannah, Georgia, and an extended cruise in New Zealand roughly a decade ago." [ProPublica, [4/6/23](#)]

2017: Harlan Crow Invites Thomas To His Private Lakeside Resort, Camp Topridge, Where The Justice Spends Time With Executives At Verizon And PricewaterhouseCoopers, As Well As Major GOP Donors. "Crow's access to the justice extends to anyone the businessman chooses to invite along. Thomas' frequent vacations at Topridge have brought him into contact with corporate executives and political activists. During just one trip in July 2017, Thomas' fellow guests included executives at Verizon and PricewaterhouseCoopers, major Republican donors and one of the leaders of the American Enterprise Institute, a pro-business conservative think tank, according to records reviewed by ProPublica." [ProPublica, [4/6/23](#)]

2018: The Harlan R. Crow Foundation, Inc. Donates \$105,000 To Yale Law School For The Justice Thomas Portrait Fund.

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[Harlan R. Crow Foundation, 990-PF, [2018](#)]

2019: Harlan Crow Takes Justice Thomas And His Wife Ginni On A Trip Through Indonesia, Which Could Have Cost More Than \$500,000. "In late June 2019, right after the U.S. Supreme Court released its final opinion of the term, Justice Clarence Thomas boarded a large private jet headed to Indonesia. He and his wife were going on vacation: nine days of island-hopping in a volcanic archipelago on a superyacht staffed by a coterie of attendants and a private chef. If Thomas had chartered the plane and the 162-foot yacht himself, the total cost of the trip could have exceeded \$500,000." [ProPublica, [4/6/23](#)]