

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, wearing round glasses, is looking upwards and to the right. He is surrounded by a large amount of falling US dollar bills, including \$100 and \$50 bills. The background is dark and appears to be an interior space with architectural details like columns.

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Leonard Leo's

\$100M Scheme to Get Rich

While Remaking America

SUMMARY

By avoiding taxes and skirting disclosure requirements, right-wing judicial activist Leonard Leo is running tens of millions of dollars through his enterprise of nonprofits to enrich himself and his associates.

An Accountable.US [investigation](#) reveals Leo used his network of conservative nonprofits to increase his for-profit company's bottom line. In just ten years, Leo-affiliated nonprofits routed over \$100 million to his for-profit firm, CRC Advisors. The amount of money flowing from these nonprofits to CRC Advisors dramatically increased in the years following a [\\$1.6 billion windfall](#) – the largest political donation in history – to Leo's Marble Freedom Trust.



WHO IS LEONARD LEO

Leonard Leo is an American lawyer and conservative activist who has been called "[arguably the most powerful figure in the federal justice system](#)" due to his long-standing tenure at the Federalist Society and role as judge whisperer under President Trump. Today, Leo operates a "[network of interlocking nonprofits](#)" that champion right-wing causes such as stripping abortion and voting rights, undermining environmental and consumer protections, and remaking the American judiciary to reflect Leo's hand-picked, extreme Supreme Court majority.



LEO'S NETWORK

Nonprofit Arm: Leonard Leo has operated a growing web of politically focused nonprofit organizations that have infused hundreds of millions of dollars into campaigns and judicial nominations. Through these nonprofits, Leo and his allies have successfully championed several conservative efforts, most notably the creation of a right-wing majority on the Supreme Court. Leading members of his nonprofit network include, but are not limited to:

- [Judicial Crisis Network/Concord Fund](#): the lynchpin of Leo's efforts to capture the court system and has led to the nomination of five Supreme Court justices.
- [Judicial Education Project/The 85 Fund](#): the integral dark money organizations in Leo's network working to influence the American federal court and political system.
- [America Engaged & Freedom and Opportunity Fund](#): these incorporated entities [gave millions to boost the nominations of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh](#) to the Supreme Court, while Leo served as president.

For-Profit Firm: During his later years at the Federalist Society, Leo's began expanding his portfolio to for-profit ventures.

- [CRC Advisors](#): a consulting and public relations firm led by Leo with influence across the conservative spectrum. CRC played a key role in SCOTUS confirmation fights, counted Justice Thomas as a client, and has represented the Republican National Committee.
- [BH Group](#): Tax filings reveal Leo's leadership role and close financial ties to the Virginia-based LLC. The now-defunct BH Group anonymously donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration four months after its formation.

FALLOUT FROM SELF-DEALINGS

Last year, [reports](#) emerged revealing Leo had routed nearly \$73 million through his nonprofit network to CRC and BH Group. Following news of this potentially illegal circular payment scheme, DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb launched an ongoing investigation into the right-wing activist.