

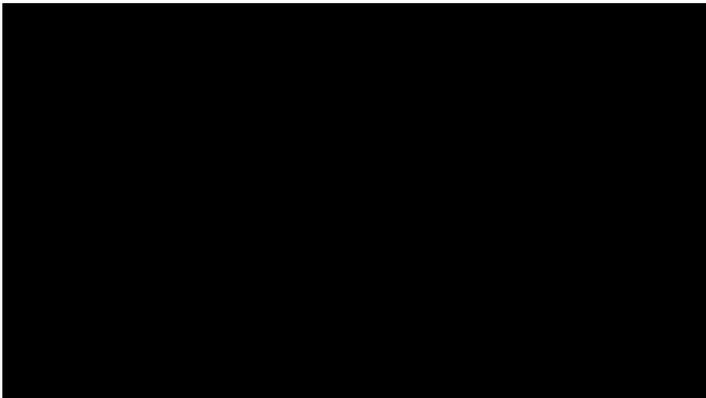
# Kevin Ring



# Who is Kevin Ring?

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- Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman
- Counsel on U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
- Powerful lobbyist
- Worked with Jack Abramoff



# Case #1

# The Gifts: Bribing the Legislature

- Provided gifts to Chief of Staff to Congressman 1:
  - Vacations
  - Many meals at fancy restaurants
  - Concert tickets
  - Football tickets
  - Disney on Ice tickets



# The Fundraisers

- Ring organized fundraisers to raise money for Congressman 1:
  - Hosted fundraiser during a concert
  - Hosted fundraiser during a professional football game in a stadium suite
  - Hosting fundraising dinner at fancy restaurant



# Client Benefits

- In exchange for providing benefits to Congressman 1 and his Chief of Staff, Ring tried to obtain benefits for his lobbying clients:
  - \$2 million for a client
  - Over \$4 million for a road project
  - Congressman “basically asked what we want in the transportation bill”



# Case #2

# The Gifts: Bribing the Legislature

- Professional ice hockey tickets
- Lunches at expensive restaurants
- Hosted fundraiser for Congressman 2
- Professional baseball tickets
- Professional basketball and wrestling tickets
- Gifts from expensive department stores
- Elton John tickets



## The Gifts, Cont.

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- Abramoff and Ring got Congressman 2's wife a no-show job at a non-profit they controlled
  - Paid Congressman 2's wife \$5000 per month for well over one year
  - Total payment of approximately \$96,000



Jack Abramoff

# Client Benefits

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- Assistance on Puerto Rico statehood issue, which was supported by a client
- Congressman 2's opposition to an anti-gambling bill
- Support for a Congressional Gold Medal for a firm client
- Sent letters to government agencies on behalf of firm's clients



# Case #3

# The Gifts: Bribing the Executive Branch

- Ring emailed Abramoff, “We need to talk about what you can do to help...[our client]”
- Ring emailed colleagues that “he had given two tickets to opening-day at Camden Yards to a certain executive-branch official involved in intergovernmental affairs.”



# Client Benefits

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- Intergovernmental affairs official called Department of Interior in “support of a settlement agreement benefiting the [client].”
- The intergovernmental affairs official also called a U.S. Senator to support the settlement agreement
- The “executive-branch official...“put [the client] on the list of people [the federal government] can work with.”



# Case #4

# The Gifts: Bribing the Executive Branch

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- Expensed numerous fancy dinners for Department of Justice official
- Tickets to expensive sporting events
- Concert tickets because an official “really helped our tribal client.”



# Client Benefits

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- Department of Justice official secured a \$16.3 million federal grant for Ring's client, so the client could build a jail
- Department of Justice official secured expedited approval of a school's request to admit non-immigrant students. The school was owned by Ring's partner, Jack Abramoff.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**SEALED**

Holding a Criminal Term  
Grand Jury Sworn in on November 6, 2006

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KEVIN A. RING,

Defendant.

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No. **CR - 08 - 274**

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS:

Count I: Conspiracy, 18 U.S.C. § 371

Count II: Payment of a Gratuity, 18 U.S.C.  
§§ 201(c)(1)(A) and 2

Counts III–VIII: Honest Services Wire  
Fraud, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1346, and 2

Count IX: Obstruction of Justice, 18 U.S.C.

# The Consequences

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- Over 20 convictions
- Kevin Ring sentenced to 20 months in prison for corrupting public officials by providing illegal stream of things of value
- Jack Abramoff sentenced to four years in prison on charges of mail fraud, conspiracy and tax evasion
- White House official sentenced to a year in prison for lying to investigators
- Congressman served prison term for taking bribes
- Deputy Interior Secretary sentenced to 10 months in prison for obstructing justice
- Chief of Staff to Congressman pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud
- Justice Department official pleaded guilty to conflict of interest

NEWS

# Congressman Hurt To Discover Lobbyist Not Really His Friend

- “Rep. Bobby Schilling came to the painful realization this week that agribusiness lobbyist Stephen Fischer, who had been kind and generous toward him for months...was not, in fact, his friend.”
- “It was not until after [Rep. Schilling] sponsored multi-billion dollar switchgrass subsidies on Fischer’s behalf that he finally recognized the lobbyist might have had ulterior motives all along.”
- “In the weeks since, Fischer reportedly claimed to be too busy to go our with the congressman and eventually stopped answering Schilling’s calls altogether.”