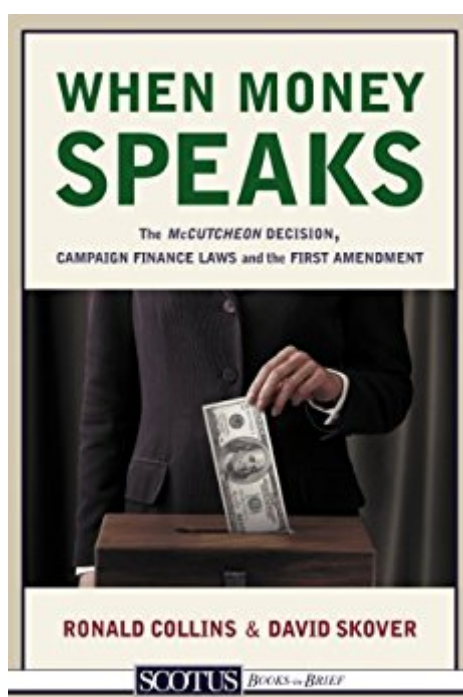


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# When Money Speaks: The McCutcheon Decision, Campaign Finance Laws, And The First Amendment (SCOTUS Books-in-Brief Book 1)



## Synopsis

â œ[WHEN MONEY SPEAKS] is and will always be the definitive work on the McCutcheon campaign finance case at the Supreme Court.â • â ”Tony Mauro, Supreme Court correspondent for the National Law Journalâ œA brilliant discussion of campaign finance in Americaâ |a must for all who care about the American political system.â • â ”Erwin Chemerinskyâ œThorough, dispassionate, and immensely readable.â • â ”Floyd AbramsOn April 2, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down aggregate limits on how much money individuals could contribute to political candidates, parties, and committees. The McCutcheon v. FEC decision fundamentally changes how people (and corporations, thanks to Citizens United) can fund campaigns, opening the floodgates for millions of dollars in new spending, which had been curtailed by campaign finance laws going back to the early 1970s.WHEN MONEY SPEAKS is the definitiveâ ”and the firstâ ”book to explain and dissect the Supreme Courtâ™s controversial ruling in McCutcheon, including analysis of the tumultuous history of campaign finance law in the U.S. and the new legal and political repercussions likely to be felt from the Courtâ™s decision.McCutcheon has been billed as â œthe sequel to Citizens United,â • the decision giving corporations the same rights as individuals to contribute to political campaigns. Lauded by the Right as a victory for free speech, and condemned by the Left as handing the keys of our government to the rich and powerful, the Courtâ™s ruling has inflamed a debate that is not going to go away anytime soon, with demands for new laws and even a constitutional amendment on the Leftâ ”while many on the Right (including Justice Clarence Thomas in his concurring opinion) call for an end to all contribution limits. Two of the nationâ™s top First Amendment scholarsâ ”Ronald Collins and David Skoverâ ”have produced a highly engaging, incisive account of the case, including exclusive interviews with petitioner Shaun McCutcheon and other key players, as well as an eye-opening history of campaign finance law in the U.S.

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## Customer Reviews

Very concise, logical, and informative. As someone who has been studying campaign finance for quite some time, this book offers a wonderful introduction to the debate through analyses of Supreme Court decisions. It is perhaps the most up-to-date book on the market, as it centers around the 2013/2014 McCutcheon decision. It provides a balanced approach to both sides of the arguments, while maintaining integrity and thoughtful criticism. I would highly recommend this book to students, as well as those who want to learn about the debate surrounding campaign finance. This book works well in conjunction with Robert Post's new book, *Citizens Divided* (though this latter book is much denser and filled with legal jargon).

The background analysis shows how those with power and wealth through the Supreme Court have been chipping away at the rules preventing corporate takeover of our elections, culminating with the *Citizens United* and the final nail, the McCutcheon decision. The book also explains how the courts have put their thumbs on the scales of justice in the conflict of values between freedom and equality, tilting them towards unlimited freedom for the wealthy.

Thorough but sometimes hard to follow. I found it enjoyable and informative.

The panel discussion (not debate - they all agreed) eliminates bribes and kickbacks as any possibility taking for granted the biggest, the most stupid crime family on the planet relentlessly claim to be the sweetest, best intentioned, kindest people, who work harder and smarter than the rest of us. The lobbyists they pay to rig tax credits and more is only a coincidence. They block the vivid evidence that Bush ordered explosives into the WTC and fired a missile into the

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