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Cuomo's campaign took money from attorneys for clients his office probed

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State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's campaign took money from law firms that represent clients his office investigated or accused of wrongdoing, according to a new report.

Citing state records, Bloomberg News reported that Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP contributed \$35,000 this year to Cuomo's campaign. The firm, led by David Boies, represents Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, the former AIG CEO, who is fighting a civil fraud case the attorney general filed.

Attorneys for Dell Inc., Deutsche Bank and former Liberal Party chief Raymond Harding also contributed to Cuomo. The AG's office has been involved with disputes with each of them.

Richard Bamberger, a Cuomo spokesman, told Bloomberg in an e-mail, "Lawyers appear constantly before all sorts of government agencies, whether it is the Mayor's Office, the Governor's Office, or countless agencies and boards. No one would argue that lawyers can't donate to candidates for any of these offices. Indeed, the ABA and New York State rules specifically encourage lawyers to participate in the political process."

Cuomo is expected to run for governor. His campaign has raised \$16 million, Bloomberg reported.

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