

# **Boston Law Firm Accused of Massive Straw-Donor Scheme**

A small law firm that has given money to Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Sen. Harry Reid, President Obama and many others is accused of improperly funneling millions of dollars into Democratic Party coffers, according to a report by the Center for Responsive Politics and the same team of Boston Globe investigative reporters featured in the movie "Spotlight." CBS News **summarized the report.**

With only 10 partners, the Thornton Law Firm – dollar for dollar – is one of the nation's biggest political donors, reports CBS News correspondent Tony Dokoupil.

"But according to the firm's own documents – leaked by a whistleblower – days or even hours after making these donations, partners received bonuses matching the amount they gave," according to the report.

The CBS report continues: "A Thornton spokesman said the bonuses are legal because they came out of each partner's ownership stake in the firm. In other words, they were paid with their own money."

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