

Today's Headlines: Albany Pols Spend Millions in Campaign Cash on Legal Fees

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Corruption in Albany Means Tons of Cash For Legal Fees

State officials have spent nearly \$7 million of campaign cash on legal fees related to criminal and ethics investigations into them since 2004 [an analysis by The Daily News and the New York Public Interest Group finds](#). Senate Democrats have proposed a rule banning legislators from spending campaign cash on legal fees. The analysis found that lawmakers have spent \$2 million of campaign cash on legal fees in the last two years alone. That spurt is boosted by former Sen. Carl Kruger who spent \$1.5 million of his campaign cash on legal fees. Kruger is currently serving seven years in prison after pleading guilty to a number of corruption charges. Other major spenders are former Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, former Controller Alan Hevesi and Assemblyman Vito Lopez.

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