

## RESOURCE

# Buying Time 2026

A compilation of television advertisements from the 2026 state supreme court elections.

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During the 2026 election cycle, the Brennan Center for Justice will make available television advertisements and spending figures for state supreme court elections. Since 2000, the Brennan Center has been using this information to publish comprehensive analyses of special interest money and television spending in judicial elections. These analyses have culminated in twelve iterations of the Politics of Judicial Elections report series:

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[2004](#) [\[link-3\]](#), [2006](#) [\[link-4\]](#), [Decade](#)

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[2011–12](#) [\[link-7\]](#), [2013–14](#) [\[link-8\]](#),  
[2015–16](#) [\[link-9\]](#), [2017–18](#) [\[link-10\]](#),  
[2019–20](#) [\[link-11\]](#), and [2021–](#)  
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This year's advertisements are available for viewing on each state's Buying Time page. TV ads are provided by MediaRadar/CMAG.

In some cases, spending figures are included from multiple sources—including disclosure documents from state disclosure databases, ad purchase contracts posted by the

FCC, and estimates provided by MediaRadar/CMAG. Each page will make clear the sources used for each estimate.

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## Methodology

Data on ad airings and spending on ads are calculated and prepared by

MediaRadar/CMAG, which captures satellite data in the nation's largest media markets. CMAG's estimates do not reflect ad agency commissions or the costs of producing advertisements, nor do they reflect the cost of ad buys on local cable channels. Cost estimates are revised by MediaRadar/CMAG when it receives updated data, resulting in some fluctuations in the reported ad spending.

Data on spending on ads was also compiled from ad purchase contracts posted by the FCC and from state disclosure databases when available.

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**link-1:** 2000 <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/new-politics-judicial-elections>

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**link-13:** click here <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/strengthen-our-courts/promote-fair-courts/buying-time>

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**link-21:** North Carolina <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/buying-time-2026-north-carolina>