

Democrats return indicted lawyer's money

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WASHINGTON - Three freshmen Democratic members of the U.S. Congress said they plan to return campaign donations made by an indicted lawyer.

The offices of Reps. Michael Arcuri, D-N.Y., and Tim Mahoney, D-Fla., and Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., announced Tuesday the lawmakers will return contributions from David Bershad, who was named in an indictment of his law firm for allegedly giving kickbacks to plaintiffs in class-action lawsuits, The Hill reported Wednesday.

Federal Election Commission reports said the three lawmakers each received \$2,100 from the lawyer in late 2006 -- after the indictment was handed down in May 2006.

Bershad has given campaign contributions to presidential candidates and campaign committees from both major parties.

The offices of Arcuri and Mahoney told The Hill the contributions came through the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

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