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# Michael Toner Comments on Obama '08 Campaign Failing to Report Last-Minute Donations

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Michael Toner, co-chair of the Election Law & Government Ethics Practice, was interviewed by *Reuters* for a story on President Barack Obama's 2008 election campaign failing to properly report nearly \$2 million in last-minute donations. This was the only violation found in a Federal Election Commission (FEC) audit of Mr. Obama's \$778 million campaign.

The article reported that election laws require campaigns to “submit notices to the FEC about contributions of \$1,000 or more received less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before an election.” The campaign did eventually report the donations in question.

“Overall, this is a very clean audit report for the Obama campaign,” said Mr. Toner, a former FEC chairman. “The FEC spent two years picking over \$750 million in contributions and expenses and found one violation.”

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