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# Michael Toner Comments on Fundraising Battle Between Mitt Romney and Rick Perry

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Election Law & Government Ethics Practice co-chair Michael Toner commented in a *Fox News* story on the fundraising edge former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney holds over his rival, Texas Governor Rick Perry, in their bid for the Republican nomination.

*Fox News* reports that the most recent fundraising records show Romney far ahead of the Republican field, "with nearly \$18.4 m in his campaign war chest."

"Rick Perry has done a terrific job raising money in Texas, under the Texas campaign finance system," said Mr. Toner, a former Federal Election Commission chairman and general counsel to the Republican National Committee. "You can accept unlimited individual contributions in Texas. You're not limited to the \$2,500 limit that exists at the federal level."

Mr. Toner added that there is a looming questions as to whether Perry can demonstrate similar fundraising talent outside of Texas. "If Gov. Perry raises \$10 million to \$12 million in this quarter that ends on September 30th, I think that will be a very strong showing," said Mr. Toner. "He's just getting into the race, just developing his national fundraising base...But I do think Mitt Romney will raise the most money on the [FEC's] October 15th report, and that's certainly been his track record in the past."

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