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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Releases Fourth Quarter Report

During the fourth quarter of 2012, the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, funded by the state's lawyers and judges, paid \$963,406.59 to clients for losses caused by 23 lawyers, the Board of Trustees announced today.

The purpose of the Fund is to pay on behalf of the honest majority of lawyers for the wrongdoing of the few who are suspended or disbarred for misappropriation. In its 43-year history, the Fund has paid claims against a total of 693 attorneys. There are 91,387 lawyers licensed in New Jersey.

The Fund operates under the authority of the Supreme Court pursuant to Court Rule 1:28. The Court appoints the seven trustees, five attorneys and two public members, who serve staggered 5-year terms without compensation. The trustees consider clients' claims and make awards when it is determined that the loss was caused by dishonest lawyer conduct, under Fund rules. Cases involving legal malpractices and negligence are handled through civil court actions

and fee disputes through the district fee arbitration committees established by the Supreme Court.

For a claim to be paid, the attorney against whom it is filed must have been a member of the bar, acting as either attorney or fiduciary, at the time of the incident; and unless deceased, must have been disbarred or suspended from the bar, or convicted of embezzlement or other misappropriation of property.

An individual client can receive up to \$400,000 for claims arising after Jan. 1, 2007, lesser amounts for claims arising prior to that date, and the Fund can provide up to \$1.5 million in claims against any one lawyer. Special permission can be granted by the Supreme Court to exceed the aggregate limit.

To receive a claim form, write to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 961, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0961, or call (609) 292-8008. The form must be completed, signed and returned with copies of any proofs of the transaction. There is no filing fee. Claimants assisted in their claims by practicing attorneys receive their representation free of charge. Fund Director, Daniel R. Hendi, welcomes inquiries regarding the Fund's purpose and operation.

Attached is a list of the fourth quarter claim awards and status of each attorney under the Supreme Court discipline system.

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FOURTH QUARTER OF 2012

Name of Attorney	Town of Last Law Practice	Amount Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Claims Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Disciplinary Status of Attorney	Basis of Claim
Ralph P. Allocca, dec'd (first claims paid against att.)	Madison	77,268.60 (77,268.60)	1 (1)	Deceased 4/15/2011	Misappropriation of Trust Monies/BK (1 claim)
Terrence S. Brady*	Mount Holly	775.00 (1,925.00)	1 (3)	Susp. 6/6/2011	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (all 3 claims)
Dennis A. Cipriano, Dec'd (first claim paid against att.)	West Orange	15,000.00 (15,000.00)	1 (1)	Deceased 6/26/2011	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (1 claim)
Avis Cole-Williams*	Egg Harbor Twp.	100,000.00 (122,550.00)	1 (9)	Disbarred 9/24/2010 Susp 1/27/2009	(1 claim) Misappropriation of Investment (8 claims) Dishonest Ret of Unearned Retainer
Marvin Davidson (first claim paid against att.)	Orange	5,500.00 (5,500.00)	1 (1)	Suspended 9/8/2011 Suspended 3/07/2011, 9/06/2010, 8/07/2010 Reinstated 7/07/2009	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (1 claim)
Dorca Delgado-Shafer (first claim paid against att.)	Camden	7,000.00 (7,000.00)	1 (1)	Suspended 11/18/2012 Suspended 11/17/2011 & 01/02/2009	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (1 claim)
James M. Docherty, Dec'd*	Fairfield	11,548.64 (46,548.64)	1 (2)	Deceased 10/17/2011	Alleged Fraud 1 Misappropriation of Sett Monies/RE 1 Alleged Fraud
Michael R. Gidro*	Teaneck	21,444.00 (33,444.00)	2 (3)	Disbarred 10/19/2011 Susp. 3/31/11, Reinstated 6/6/11	1 Misappropriation. Of Escrow/Real Estate 1 Misappropriation of Trust Monies/BK 1 Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret.
Mark E. Gold*	Tenafly	124,666.52 (977,363.36)	1 (9)	Disbarred 3/10/2010 Suspended 4/22/2009 Suspended 5/16/1997 & Rein 6/17/1998	Fraud/Alleged Fraud (1 claim) Dishonest Unearned Retainer(1claim) Misappropriation Dep Money/RE (2 claims) Misappropriation Escrow Money/RE (2 claims) Misappropriation Sett Monies/Misc (2 claims)
Bruce D. Hersh*	South Orange	117,000.00 (292,000.00)	2 (3)	Disbarred by Consent 12/10/2010	1 Misappropriation. Of Escrow/Real Estate 1 Misappropriation of Estate Monies 1 Misappropriation of Estate Monies
Dawn L. Jackson*	West Patterson	4,000.00 (50,100.00)	1 (22)	Disbarred 2/3/2010 Suspended 3/10/2009	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (all 22 claims)

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Name of Attorney	Town of Last Law Practice	Amount Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Claims Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Disciplinary Status of Attorney	Basis of Claim
Kenneth H. Kell (first claim paid against att.)	Cherry Hill	50,000.00 (50,000.00)	1 (1)	Disbarred by Consent 8/23/2012 Susp 6/28/2012	Misapprop. Of Escrow/Real Estate (1 claim)
Yong Wook Kim*	Englewood Cliffs	100,000.00 (295,922.50)	1 (10)	Disbarred 9/12/2012 Susp 4/06/2011	Misapprop. Of Escrow/Real Estate (all 10 claims)
Eugene M. Lavergne*	Eatontown	144,369.21 (155,419.21)	2 (6)	Disb 11/7/2012 Susp. 1/27/11 & 10/27/10, Cens 7/14/11 Reprimand 2/22/06 & Reins 11/4/10	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. 5 claims/ 1 claim Misapp of Estate
Gary P. Levin*	Egg Harbor Twp.	1,700.00 (309,111.45)	2 (34)	Disb. By Consent 10/14/2010 Susp. 9/3/2010	Dishonest /Unearned Ret (24 claims) Misapprop. of Funds/Misc (3 claims) Misapprop. of Pers. Inj. (6 claims) Misapprop. of Funds Est (1 claim)
Kevin H. Main*	Princeton	1,000.00 (4,250.00)	1 (3)	Suspended 6/08/2012 6/11/2011, 9/12/2011	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (all 3 claims)
Nicholas Manzi	Hawthorne	2,500.00 (6350.00)	1 (3)	Disbarred 3/16/2012 Susp 10/05/2011 & 2/16/2010	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (all 3 claims)
John A. Miele, III*	West Keansburg	18,000.00 (135,453.51)	2 (9)	Disbarred 10/08/2010	Misapprop. Of Escrow/Real Estate (7 claims) Misapprop of Deposit Money/RE (1claim) Misapprop of Trust Monies/RE (1claim)
Kashif Molamusa, Dec'd (first claim paid against att.)	North Haledon	47,334.62 (47,334.62)	1 (1)	Deceased 8/24/2010	Misapprop of Monies/Loan (1 claim)
Leonard H. Niedermayer (first claims paid against att.)	Mount Holly	4,300.00 (4,300.00)	4 (4)	Suspended 10/20/2011	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (all 4 claims)
Alfonso Robinson, III, Dec'd (first claims paid against att.)	Jersey City	104,000.00 (104,000.00)	2 (2)	Deceased 9/11/2011	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (2 claims)
Scot D. Rosenthal (first claim paid against att.)	North Haledon	2,000.00 (2,000.00)	1 (1)	Suspended 2/6/2012	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (1 claim)
Gary R. Thompson*	Pompton Plains	4,000.00 (6,000.00)	1 (2)	Disbarred 6/16/2010	Dishonest Ret. Of Unearned Ret. (2 claims)
	TOTAL	\$963,406.59	32		

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		Amount Paid	Claims Paid		
	Town of Last	This Quarter	This Quarter	Disciplinary Status	
Name of Attorney	Law Practice	(Cumulative Total)	(Cumulative Total)	of Attorney	Basis of Claim
		*Previous claims have been paid against this attorney			
		Cumulative totals in parenthesis in third and fourth columns			
		reflect total amount paid and total number of claims paid,			
		respectively, against the attorney over the Fund's history			
		**Some money paid to supplement award previously paid			