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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Releases First Quarter Report

During the first quarter of 2013, the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, funded by the state's lawyers and judges, paid \$432,735.58 to clients for losses caused by 14 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 44-year history, the fund has paid claims against a total of 698 attorneys. There are 92,108 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 on lesser amounts for claims arising prior to that date. 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 about the Fund's purpose and operation.

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

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FIRST QUARTER OF 2013

Name of Attorney	Town of Last Law Practice	Amount Paid		Claims Paid		Disciplinary Status of Attorney	Basis of Claim
		This Quarter	(Cumulative Total)	This Quarter	(Cumulative Total)		
Dorca Delgado-Shafer*	Camden	7,459.66	(14,459.66)	1	(2)	Suspended 1/2/2009	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Ret (2 claims)
Stephen M. Hiltbrand*	Cherry Hill	19,010.63	(23,253.80)	2	(3)	Disbarred 6/17/2011	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies P/I (2 claims) Misappropriation of Funds/ Personal Injury (1 claim)
Alexander M. Iler (first claim paid against att.)	Red Bank	178,806.83	(178,806.83)	1	(1)	Disbarred by Consent 7/5/2012 Suspended 5/2/2012	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies P/I (1 claim)
Kenneth H. Keil*	Cherry Hill	50,503.25	(100,503.25)	2	(3)	Disbarred by Consent 8/23/2012 Susp 6/28/2012	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Ret (1 claim) Misappropriation Escrow Money R/E (2 claims)
Yong Wook Kim*	Englewood Cliffs	2,345.32	(298,267.82)	1	(11)	Disbarred 9/12/2012 Susp 4/06/2011	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies R/E (all 11 claims)
John E. Kurts (first claim paid against att.)	Burlington	500.00	(500.00)	1	(1)	Suspended 6/11/2012 Reprimand 7/1/2011	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
Gary P. Levin*	Egg Harbor Twp.	400.67	(309,512.12)	1	(35)	Disb. By Consent 10/14/2010 Susp. 9/3/2010	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies-Misc (1 claim) Dishonest/Unearned Retainer (24 claims) Misappropriation of Funds/Misc (3 claims) Misappropriation of Sett. Monies P/I (6 claims) Misappropriation of Monies Estate (1 claim)
Timothy J. Provost *	Englishtown	26,353.39	(84,708.51)	2	(3)	Disbarred 3/2/2012 Suspended 3/9/2011	Misappropriation Escrow/ Sett. Monies R/E (2 claims) Misappropriation of Trust Monies R/E (1claim)
Samuel Rak (first claims paid against att.)	Leonia	2,250.00	(2,250.00)	2	(2)	Suspended 4/8/2011 Reprimand 9/10/2010	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (2 claims)
Scot D. Rosenthal*	North Haledon	12,000.00	(14,000.00)	1	(2)	Suspended 2/6/2012	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (2 claims)
Matthew M. Turlik*	Elizabeth	49,287.97	(291,668.00)	1	(28)	Disbarred by Consent 5/12/2011 Susp. 9/22/2010	Misappropriation of Estate Monies (1 claim) Misappropriation of Sett Monies P/I (16 claims) Dishonest Retention Unearned Retainer (11 claims)
Anita L. Walch (first claims paid against att.)	Jersey City	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	1	(1)	Suspended 10/26/2012 Admonition 11/2/1998	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
James S. Weiss*	Pittman	71,567.86	(271,567.86)	1	(2)	Disbarred by Consent 4/29/2010	Misappropriation of Trust Monies/BK (2 claim)
Richard S. Yusem, Dec'd (first claims paid against att.)	Somerville	10,250.00	(10,250.00)	1	(1)	Suspended 1/20/2012 Censure 9/24/2009- Reprimand 9/11/1998	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
	TOTAL	\$432,735.58		18			

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		*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			