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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Announces Deadlines for Claims

Daniel R. Hendi, director of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, has announced that any person who intends to file a claim with the fund against any of the attorneys listed below must file prior to the deadlines listed.

The fund's purpose is to pay on behalf of the honest majority of lawyers for the wrongdoing of a few.

For a claim to be compensable, 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, suspended or placed on disability inactive status from the bar, or convicted of embezzlement or other misappropriation of property. The attorney's conduct giving rise to the claim must have been dishonest rather than negligent.

The issuance of the Supreme Court's determination to suspend or disbar an attorney activates the fund's jurisdiction to receive claims against that attorney. There is a one-year deadline after the discipline is issued to the attorney for clients to file claims. The client's claim does not need to be included in the ethics determination to be compensable. Discipline of the attorney does not guarantee compensability for any specific claim. Attorneys can be disciplined for conduct other than misappropriation.

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. The fund can provide up to \$1.5 million in claims against a lawyer.

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, NJ 08625-0961, or call 609-292-8008. The form must be completed, notarized and returned with copies of any proof of the transaction. There is no filing fee. Claimants assisted in their claims by practicing attorneys receive their representation free of charge.

NOTICE TO THE BAR

LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION – DEADLINES FOR FILING CLAIMS

Any person having a claim that has not been filed involving the following attorneys must file a claim with the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection prior to the deadline dates indicated below:

Collins, John J.	Hudson	January 3, 2014
Curreri, Paul James	Passaic	January 28, 2014
Franco, Randi Kern	Morris	January 4, 2014 (corrected)
Franco, Robert Achille	Morris	January 4, 2014 (corrected)

Gahwyler, William E. Jr.	Bergen	February 22, 2014
Goeke, Jeffrey Michael	Monmouth	March 20, 2014
Heiner Pisano, Jennifer Ann	Essex	March 12, 2014
Moras, Hugo L.	Essex	March 13, 2014
Paragano, Vincent	Hudson	March 25, 2014
Roche, Raymond T.	Essex	January 3, 2014
Rosen, Stephen H.	Monmouth	March 7, 2014
Schildiner, Andrew Daniel	Bergen	January 7, 2014
Scott, Everett L. Jr.	Burlington	February 12, 2014

Trustees of the New Jersey Lawyers'
Fund for Client Protection
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