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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.

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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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY OF PRACTICE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Bernot, Robert J.	Hunterdon	May 3, 2014
Casale, Michael A.	Essex	May 17, 2014
Diaz, Andres J.	Essex	April 1, 2014
Engelhart, Edward G.	Essex	May 22, 2014
Felsen, Stuart David	Morris	July 5, 2014
Frey, Thomas Gerard	Middlesex	June 11, 2014
Gottesman, Lee D.	Ocean	May 13, 2014
Hairston, Maebly Lois	Monmouth	May 7, 2014
Harris, Jacqueline Rochelle	Essex	May 3, 2014
Kenneally, Lynn Anne	Monmouth	April 1, 2014
Khoudary, Nicholas	Middlesex	July 5, 2014
Klamo, John Andrew	Camden	May 27, 2014
Leotti, Darren P.	Hunterdon	April 16, 2014
Li, Feng	Morris	May 22, 2014
Obi, Francis O.	Essex	June 5, 2014
Palitto, John J. Jr.	Camden	June 5, 2014
Percy, Kirill	Out of State	April 10, 2014
Saidel, Scott F.	Out of State	April 25, 2014
Savage, Steven E.	Essex	April 16, 2014
Sommer, Goldie C.	Essex	May 22, 2014
Tarter, Mitchel	Middlesex	May 1, 2014
Tonogbanua, Arobert Chua	Out of State	April 16, 2014

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