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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Releases Third Quarter Report

During the third quarter of 2013, the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, funded by the state's lawyers and judges, paid \$1,267,221.88 to clients for losses caused by 13 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 713 attorneys. There currently are 91,809 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 third quarter claim awards and status of each attorney under the Supreme Court discipline system.

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THIRD QUARTER OF 2013

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
Jeffrey Edelman, Dec'd (first claims paid against attorney)	Montville	55,500.00 (55,500.00)	3 (3)	Deceased 12/29/2011 Suspended 11/9/2011	Dishonest Retention Unearned Retainer (1 claim) Misappropriation of Escrow/Real Estate (1 claim) Misappropriation of Escrow/Real Estate (1 claim)
Alexander Chan (first claim paid against attorney)	Jersey City	12,238.02 (12,238.02)	1 (1)	Disbarred by Consent 10/5/2012	Misappropriation of Monies Real Estate
John Frohling (first claim paid against attorney)	Newark	13,474.74 (13,474.74)	1 (1)	Disbarred by Consent 2/2/2011	Misappropriation of Estate Monies
Jeffrey M. Goelke, Jr. (first claims paid against attorney)	Tenent	683,923.50 (683,923.50)	2 (2)	Disbarred by Consent 4/29/2013 Suspended 3/20/2013	Misappropriation of Escrow/Real Estate (2 claims)
Stephen M. Hillebrand*	Cherry Hill	45,350.00 (68,603.80)	3 (6)	Disbarred by Consent 6/7/2011	Misappropriation of Settlement Monies Misc (1) Misappropriation of Settlement Monies Estate (1) Alleged Misappropriation of Funds/Misc (1) Misappropriation of Settlement Monies Personal Injury (3 claim)
Alexander M. Iler*	Red Bank	9,630.75 (217,937.56)	2 (6)	Disbarred by Consent 7/5/2012 Suspended 5/2/2012	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies P/I (2 claims) Misappropriation of Deposit Money Real Estate (1 claim) Dishonest Unearned Retainer (3 claims)
Judith A. Karr (first claim paid against attorney)	Pennsville	191,748.36 (191,748.36)	1 (1)	Disbarred by Consent 12/03/2008	Misappropriation of Estate Monies (1 claim)
Gary P. Levin*	Egg Harbor Twp.	67,701.25 (415,024.37)	1 (38)	Disbarred by Consent 10/14/2010 Suspended 9/3/2010	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies-Misc (2 claims) Dishonest Unearned Retainer (24 claims) Misappropriation of Funds/Misc (3 claims) Misappropriation of Sett. Monies P/I (6 claims) Misappropriation of Monies Estate (2 claims) Misappropriation of Trust Money/BK (1 claim)
Marc Z. Palfy*	Freehold	4,450.00 (5,350.00)	1 (3)	Suspended 7/26/2013 Suspended 6/26/2013 & 10/26/2012	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (3 claims)
Sergio Pastor*	Cranford	117,025.26 (117,344.40)	1 (2)	Disbarred 6/6/2013 Suspended 8/26/2012	Misappropriation of Escrow/Real Estate (1 claim) Misappropriation of Sett. Monies/Real Estate (1 claim)
Raymond R. Roche*	East Orange	33,180.00 (66,437.45)	1 (2)	Suspended 3/14/2013 & 01/03/2013	Misappropriation of Sett. Monies Personal Injury (2 claims)
Robert G. Rosenberg*	Paterson	3,000.00 (4,500.00)	1 (2)	Disbarred by Consent 9/22/2011	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (2 claims)
Hilton L. Stein*	Bloomfield	30,000.00 (162,000.00)	1 (5)	Disability in Active 7/26/2002 Suspended 11/5/1984 & Reinstated 7/10/1985	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (4 claims) Misappropriation of Estate Monies (1 claim)
	TOTAL	\$1,267,221.88	20		

*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