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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Announces Transitions

The New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection has announced that Patrick J.

Caserta recently completed his 5-year term as a trustee, including one year as its chairman.

Trustee Alan L. Williams, who recently completed his term as a trustee of the fund, will serve a second term beginning Jan. 1. The Supreme Court appointed new trustee Raymond Londa of Elizabeth, who began a 5-year term effective Jan. 1. The trustees are volunteers and are not compensated for their service.

The trustees meet monthly to carry out the fund's work of assisting clients who have suffered loss due to the dishonesty of their lawyer. While very few lawyers violate their clients' trust, those who do can cause their clients considerable harm. The fund uses money provided by New Jersey lawyers and judges to alleviate the damage done. No taxpayer money is used; lawyers have sustained the fund since it became an entity of the Supreme Court at the request of the bar in 1969. The resulting awards generally match the amount misappropriated. Successful claimants assign their rights to the fund, which in turn receives money from the disbarred lawyer

or anyone else responsible under the law for the loss.

Further information about the fund, go to http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/cpf/index.htm

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