### **CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE**



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MEMO TO:

Members, Executive Committee of the Superior Court

MEMO FROM:

Justice Joette Katz, Chair

**Client Security Fund Committee** 

DATE:

April 24, 2007

SUBJECT:

Quarterly Report of the Client Security Fund Committee

January – March 2007

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-72(e), the following is a report of the activities of the Client Security Fund Committee for the first quarter of calendar year 2007:

#### I. Claims Filed

Thirty (30) claims for reimbursement were filed with the Client Security Fund Committee during the quarter, for an annual total as of the end of the quarter of thirty (30) claims. The dollar amount of claims filed during the quarter was \$696,106.40, exclusive of one claim filed for an unspecified amount, for an annual total of claims filed at the end of the quarter of \$696,106.40. The total number of claims pending before the committee as of the end of the quarter was one hundred and thirty-one (131), with a total amount of claims pending of \$6,809,742.75.

## II. Claims Approved

The Client Security Fund Committee approved reimbursement for thirty (30) claims during the quarter. The Committee approved payments to the claimants in those matters in the amount of \$376,332.70. The annual total of claims approved by the committee was thirty (30) as of the end of the quarter, with a total amount of payments approved of \$376,332.70.

On January 25, 2007, the committee also voted to increase from \$280,056.34, to \$339,548.74, the amount of the award rendered on August 2, 2006 in the matter of claim number 05-CSF0074, <u>Padzinski/Peck</u>, upon consideration of a request from the claimant for an increase in the award. On March 8, 2007, the committee voted to reduce its award rendered on December 14, 2007, in the matter of claim number 05-CSF0200, <u>Manandhar/Botwick</u>, from \$190,708.24 to \$170,000.00, upon its review of additional information received from the claimant.

The Committee also denied nineteen (19) claims totaling \$480,073.00 during the quarter, for an annual total of nineteen (19) claims denied in the amount of \$480,073.00.

#### III. Fund Activity

The client security fund received \$66,276.73 in collections from individuals obligated to pay the client security fund fee pursuant to Section §2-70 of the Practice Book during the quarter. The client security fund also received \$158,455.16 in interest on the fund, and \$3,100.00 in restitution from attorneys or former attorneys whose conduct resulted in payments from the fund.

After deductions for expenses, payments to claimants, and other charges against the fund, including \$39,580.38 paid to the Lawyers' Assistance Program pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-73(f), the available cash balance in the fund as of the end of the quarter was \$8,295,559.49. A copy of the quarterly reconciliation of the client security fund prepared by the Judicial Branch Fiscal Administration Unit is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Jøette Katz, Chair

Client Security Fund Committee

# **CLIENT SECURITY FUND**

Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 3rd Quarter Account Summary 1-1-2007 through 3-31-2007

Available Cash Balance as of 1/1/2007			\$ 8,956,071.78
Cash Receipts (1/1/2007 - 3/31/2007)			-
Fees Collected	\$	66,276.73	
Donations Received		0.00	
Restitution	\$	3,100.00	
Other Fund Revenue		0.00	
Interest Earned*	\$	158,455.16	
Bank Service Charges	\$	(3,024.73)	
Bad Checks	\$	(560.00)	
Refunds	\$	(1,176.73)	
Total Cash Receipts	<del> </del>		\$ 223,070.43
Total Cash Available			\$ 9,179,142.21
Cash Disbursements (1/1/2007 - 3/31/2007)			
Claims	\$	722,369.41	
Personal Services - Permanent Full Time	\$	45,224.51	
Personal Services - Permanent Part Time	\$	25,062.14	
Longevity		0.00	
Overtime		0.00	
Fringe Benefits	\$	42,817.80	
Employee Allowances & Reportable Payments	\$	600.00	
In State Travel Expenses	\$	10.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$	335.82	
Management Consultant Services -			
(Lawyers' Assistance Program)	\$	39,580.38	
Postage	\$	6,129.63	
Service of Process	\$	5.20	
Office Equipment Lease/Rental	\$	1,081.88	
Office Equip Maintenance/Repair - Contractual		0.00	
Telephone	\$	365.95	
Office Supplies		0.00	
Minor Equipment		0.00	
Total Cash Disbursements			\$ 883,582.72
Available Cash Balance as of 3/31/2007			\$ 8,295,559.49

\*Transfer from State Treasurer for Interest Earned (October - December, 2006)

\*Charge by State Treasurer for Lockbox Banking Fees (July - September, 2006)