

## **CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE**

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MEMO TO:

Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers

Members, Executive Committee of the Superior Court

**MEMO FROM:** 

Justice Joette Katz, Chair

**Client Security Fund Committee** 

DATE:

**February 8, 2008** 

**SUBJECT:** 

**Annual Report of the Client Security Fund Committee** 

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-72(a), the following is a report of claims filed with the Client Security Fund Committee during calendar year 2007, and on the Committee's activities during 2007 in connection with claims filed with the Committee.

## I. Claims Filed

During 2007, one hundred and twenty-nine (129) claims for reimbursement were filed with the Client Security Fund Committee. In comparison, eighty-four (84) claims were filed in 2006. The total dollar amount of claims for reimbursement filed with the fund during 2007 was \$9,214,210.08, as compared with \$6,475,533.36 in claims filed during 2006.

## II. Activity on Claims

During 2007, the Client Security Fund Committee approved payments to claimants in eighty-three (83) claims filed with the Committee. The total dollar amount of reimbursement approved during 2007 was \$3,653,364.63. Since its inception, the Committee has paid over eleven million dollars from the client security fund to victims of dishonest conduct on the part of Connecticut attorneys. A list of the names of attorneys whose conduct resulted in awards of reimbursement during 2007, and the amounts awarded, is attached hereto. Sixty-five (65) claims were also denied during 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This total does not include one claim initially approved by the committee on November 1, 2007, but subsequently denied by the committee on January 24, 2008, upon the receipt of additional information from the claimant. The total of pending claims referred to in the last paragraph of this report takes into account that this claim was no longer "pending" as of the end of the calendar year.

During 2007, the Committee was able to continue its efforts in reducing its backlog of pending claims. The Committee reduced its backlog of pending claims during 2007, with a total of one hundred and thirty (130) claims pending at the end of the calendar year, as compared with one hundred and fifty (150) pending at the end of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Loette Katz, Chair

Client Security Fund Committee

Attachment

## Awards of Reimbursement 2007

Respondent	No. of Claims Approved	Amounts Awarded	
Ronald F. Bozelko	1	\$	7,500.00
Donal A. Cahill	1	\$	116,472.80
John M. Claydon, Jr.	14	\$	1,323,257.82
Stephen/Norton Feinstein	8	\$	661,693.39
Stephen Gionfriddo	12	\$	279,794.07
Philip M. Hart	1	\$	959.00
Duncan B. Hume	1	\$	1,500.00
Ronald L. Lepine	3	\$	96,421.54
Jeffrey P. Macarz	1	\$	41,292.19
Edward J. Markosky, Jr.	2	\$	32,777.00
Thomas C. Marshall	1	\$	750.00
Paul M. Ngobeni	2	\$	2,675.00
Christopher Noble	1	\$	600.00
Sheri Paige	30	\$	138,509.00
John H. Peck, Jr.	<u>5</u> 83	<u>\$</u>	949,162.82 3,653,364.63