

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 1, 2010

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 2009, and on the Committee's activities during 2009 in connection with claims filed with the Committee.

I. Claims Filed

During 2009, one hundred and three (103) claims for reimbursement were filed with the Client Security Fund Committee. In comparison, eighty-nine (89) claims were filed in 2008. The total dollar amount of claims for reimbursement filed with the fund during 2009 was \$6,933,938.85 as compared with \$8,050,319.04 in claims filed during 2008.

II. Activity on Claims

During 2009, the Client Security Fund Committee approved payments to claimants in twenty-seven (27) claims filed with the Committee. The total dollar amount of reimbursement approved during 2009 was \$659,719.58. Since its inception, the Committee has paid over fourteen 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 2009, and the amounts awarded, is attached hereto. Seventy-six (76) claims were also denied during 2009.

At the end of calendar year 2009, 77 claims remained pending in the total amount of \$5,077.877.56.

Respectfully submitted,

Joette Katz, Chair Client Security Fund Committee

Attachment

Awards of Reimbursement 2009

| Respondent | No. of Claims Approved | Amounts Awarded | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| John M. Claydon, Jr. | . 1 | \$ | 24,000.00 |
| Francis J. Ficarra | 1 | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Evan D. Gamm | 2 | \$ | 5,500.00 |
| Michael P. Gannon | 4 | \$ | 8,500.00 |
| Richard C. Hannan, Jr. | 2 | \$ | 152,867.11 |
| Kweku J. Hanson | 3 | \$ | 6,150.00 |
| Philip M. Hart | 1 | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Leslie S. Hollo | 1 | \$ | 2,600.00 |
| Jonathan Hoyt | 4 | \$ | 103,915.00 |
| Paul M. Ngobeni | 1 | \$ | 950.00 |
| George R. Olexo | .1 | \$ | 8,300.00 |
| Angelo Pizzola | 1 | \$ | 8,500.00 |
| John M. Rodia | 3 | \$ | 200,176.76 |
| Michael D. Rome | 1 | \$ | 41,776.14 |
| David R. Thomas | 1 | \$ | 90,984.57 |
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| | 27 | \$ | 659,719.58 |