

#### **CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE**

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MEMO TO:

Members, Executive Committee of the Superior Court

MEMO FROM:

Hon. Douglas S. Lavine, Chair

Client Security Fund Committee

DATE:

February 10, 2014

SUBJECT:

Quarterly Report of the Client Security Fund Committee

October – December, 2013

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-72(e), the following is a report of the activities of the Client Security Fund Committee for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2013:

#### I. Claims Filed

Nine (9) 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 fifty-five (55) claims. The dollar amount of claims filed during the quarter was \$332,253.29. The annual total of claims filed as of the end of the quarter was \$4,957,920.46. The total number of claims pending before the committee as of the end of the quarter was one forty-one (41), with a total amount of claims pending of \$4,416,587.70.

## II. Claims Approved

The Client Security Fund Committee approved reimbursement for three (3) claims during the quarter. The Committee approved payments to the claimants in those matters in the amount of \$176,865.00. The annual total of claims approved by the committee was sixteen (16) as of the end of the quarter, with a total amount of payments approved of \$1,066,933.20. The committee also denied fourteen (14) claims totaling \$465,945.18 during the quarter, for an annual total of fifty-six (56) claims denied in the amount of \$3,359,474.45.

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### III. Fund Activity

The client security fund received \$147,501.50 in collections during the quarter from individuals obligated to pay the client security fund fee pursuant to Section §2-70 of the Practice Book. The client security fund also received a distribution of \$47,544.11 from an attorney's clients trust account pursuant to a court order in an attorney disciplinary matter, \$4,490.78 in interest on the fund, and \$1,383.33 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 \$52,500.00 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 \$15,416,537.08. A copy of the quarterly reconciliation of the client security fund prepared by the Judicial Branch Fiscal Administration office is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Douglas S. Lavine, Chair Client Security Fund Committee

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## CLIENT SECURITY FUND

Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014

# Quarterly Account Summary October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Available Cash Balance as of 10/1/2013		\$ 15,977,964.53
Cash Receipts (10/1/2013 - 12/31/2013)		
Fees Collected	\$ 147,501.50	
Donations Received	\$ 47,544.11	
Restitution	\$ 1,383.33	
Other Fund Revenue	0.00	
Interest Earned <sup>1</sup>	\$ 4,490.78	
Bank Service Charges <sup>2</sup>	\$ (3,130.25)	
Bad Checks	\$ (1,380.00)	
Restricted Revenue Refunds	\$ (3,085.00)	
Total Cash Receipts	 	\$ 193,324.47
Total Cash Available		\$ 16,171,289.00
Cash Disbursements (10/1/2013 - 12/31/2013)		
Claims	\$ 561,374.00	
Personal Services - Permanent Full Time	\$ 71,660.33	
Longevity	\$ 1,307.50	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 61,725.54	
Employee Allowances & Reportable Payments	0.00	
Out Of State Travel	\$ 600.86	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 603.83	
Management Consultant Services -		
(Lawyers' Assistance Program)	\$ 52,500.00	
Credit Card Processing Services	\$ 140.00	
Fees and Permits	\$ 382.25	
Online Information Services	\$ 30.32	
Postage	\$ 384.86	
Translation & Interpretation	0.00	
Office Equipment Lease/Rental	\$ 625.41	
IT Software Licenses/Rental	\$ 3,140.40	
Telephone	\$ 227.66	
Office Supplies	\$ 48.96	
Total Cash Disbursements		\$ 754,751.92
vailable Cash Balance as of 12/31/2013		\$ 15,416,537.08

<sup>1</sup>Transfer from State Treasurer for Interest Earned (July-Sep tember 2013) <sup>2</sup>Charge by State Treasurer for Lockbox F ees (July-September 2013)