

## Minnesota Client Security Board

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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS**

ST. PAUL – At its January 30, 2017, meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of 19 claims, in the total amount of \$32,781.56, against deceased attorneys Mary Ellen Drummer and Thomas Francis Handorff, and suspended attorney James Carl Duchon.

The Board approved two claims against deceased attorney Mary Ellen Drummer totaling \$4,856.83. Drummer last practiced law in Bloomington, Minnesota.

The Board approved 15 claims against deceased attorney Thomas Francis Handorff totaling \$26,774.73. Handorff last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Board approved two claims against suspended attorney James Carl Duchon totaling \$1,150.00. The Board has now approved three claims against Duchon in the total amount of \$2,900.00. Duchon last practiced law in Minnetonka, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in December 2016.

The Client Security Fund was established by the Minnesota Supreme Court, and is funded by Minnesota attorneys to reimburse clients who suffer loss of money or other property due to the dishonest conduct of their attorney. The Fund does not cover losses resulting from negligence of lawyers. The Fund is administered by a Board appointed by the Court, and consists of five lawyer members and two non-lawyer members. All serve without compensation as a public service.

For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's website at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.

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