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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its August 2012 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of five claims, in the total amount of \$12,600, against disbarred attorneys Albert A. Garcia, Jr., and Steven Paul Lundeen and suspended attorneys Nathan K. McLean, and Nathaniel P. Hobbs.

The Board approved two claims against Albert A. Garcia, Jr., in the total amount of \$7,000. The Board has now approved 11 claims against Garcia in the total amount of \$34,340. Garcia last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in December 2010.

The Board approved one claim against Steven Paul Lundeen in the total amount of \$1,000. The Board has now approved five claims against Lundeen in the total amount of \$4,774. Lundeen last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in March 2012.

The Board approved one claim against Nathan K. McLean in the total amount of \$2,100. The Board has now approved 10 claims against McLean in the total amount of \$17,890. McLean last practiced law in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in January 2011.

The Board approved one claim against Nathaniel P. Hobbs in the total amount of \$2,500. Hobbs last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in May 2012.

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 from the dishonest conduct of their attorney. 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.

The Client Security Fund covers most situations in which lawyers have stolen clients' money or other property entrusted to them. The Fund does not cover losses resulting from the malpractice or negligence of lawyers.

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

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