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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its June 2013 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of four claims, in the total amount of \$144,894.46, against disbarred attorney Deno W. Berndt, suspended attorneys Nathan K. McLean and Nathaniel P. Hobbs, and former attorney Maria K. Woroby.

The Board approved one claim against Deno W. Berndt in the amount of \$137,326.46. The Board has now approved 13 claims against Berndt in the total amount of \$398,944.69. Berndt 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 amount of \$2,367. The Board has now approved 11 claims against McLean in the total amount of \$20,257. McLean last practiced 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 amount of \$701. The Board has now approved four claims against Hobbs in the total amount of \$5,701. Hobbs last practiced in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in May 2012.

The Board approved one claim against Maria K. Woroby in the amount of \$4,500. The Board has now approved five claims against Woroby in the total amount of \$14,490. Woroby last practiced law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Woroby was placed on disability inactive status by the Minnesota Supreme Court in March 2010.

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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