

Minnesota Client Security Board

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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its January 2011 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of four claims, in the total amount of \$13,506.67, against disbarred Minnesota attorneys Albert A. Garcia, Jr., and Michael Frants.

The Board approved three claims against Albert A. Garcia, Jr. in the total amount of \$6,840. The Board has now approved five claims against Garcia in the total amount of \$13,840. Garcia last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in December 2010.

The Board approved one claim against Michael Frants in the total amount of \$6,666.67. Frants last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in September 2009.

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.

The Board will next meet in April 2011. For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's website at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.

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