

## **Minnesota Client Security Board**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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

ST. PAUL -- At its June 2009 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of three claims, in the total amount of \$34,743.61, against former attorney James L. Berg and attorney David L. McCormack.

The Board approved two claims against James Berg in the total amount of \$29,743.61. The Board has now approved eight claims against Berg in the total amount of \$73,529.03. Berg last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in November 2008.

The Board approved one claim against David L. McCormick in the total amount of \$5,000.00. The Board has now approved three claims against McCormick in the total amount of \$16,500.00. McCormick was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in November 2008. He was recently reinstated by the Court on June 11, 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 September 2009. For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's website at [www.mncourts.gov/csb](http://www.mncourts.gov/csb)

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