

Minnesota Client Security Board

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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its June 2010 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of two claims, in the total amount of \$3,600.00, against suspended Minnesota attorneys Bent Karlsen and Calandra Faye Harris.

The Board approved one claim against Bent Karlsen in the total amount of \$3,000. Karlsen last practiced law in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in February 2010.

The Board approved one claim against Calandra Faye Harris in the total amount of \$600. Harris last practiced law in Maple Grove, Minnesota. She was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in May 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 2010. For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's website at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.

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