

Minnesota Client Security Board

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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its April 2012 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of seven claims, in the total amount of \$17,697.57, against former attorneys Michal Frants, Travis D. Stottler, Maria Katherine Woroby and Joseph Anthony Rymanowski, Jr.

The Board approved one claim against Michael Frants in the total amount of \$7,562.57. The Board has now approved three claims against Frants in the total amount of \$29,827.72. Frants last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in September 2009.

The Board approved one claim against Travis D. Stottler in the total amount of \$2,500.00. Stottler last practiced law in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. He was temporarily suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in October 2011.

The Board approved two claims against Maria Katherine Woroby in the total amount of \$2,035.00. Woroby last practiced law in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was placed on disability inactive status by the Minnesota Supreme Court in March 2010.

The Board approved three claims against Joseph Anthony Rymanowski, Jr., in the total amount of \$5,600.00. Rymanowski last practiced law in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in January 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.

The Board will next meet in June 2012. For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's Web site at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.