

## Minnesota Client Security Board

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### NEWS RELEASE

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

ST. PAUL -- At its April 2013 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of six claims, in the total amount of \$85,258.39, against disbarred attorney Deno W. Berndt and former attorney Maria K. Woroby.

The Board approved four claims against Deno W. Berndt in the total amount of \$77,303.39. The Board has now approved 12 claims against Berndt in the total amount of \$261,618.23. Berndt last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in March 2012.

The Board approved two claims against Maria K. Woroby in the total amount of \$7,955. 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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