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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its October 2010 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of five claims, in the total amount of \$18,048.52, against suspended Minnesota attorneys Robert Scott Weisberg, Albert A. Garcia, Jr., and Bent Karlsen.

The Board approved two claims against Robert Scott Weisberg in the total amount of \$9,848.52. Weisberg last practiced law in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in December 2009.

The Board approved two claims against Albert A. Garcia, Jr. in the total amount of \$7,000. Garcia last practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was temporarily suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in September 2009.

The Board approved one claim against Bent Karlsen in the total amount of \$1,200. The Board has now approved two claims against Karlsen in the total amount of \$4,200. Karlsen last practiced law in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. He was suspended by the Minnesota Supreme Court in February 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.

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

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