

Minnesota Client Security Board

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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL -- At its October 2014 meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of eight claims, in the total amount of \$123,616.87, against former attorneys Tucker Joseph Hummel and Joseph Awah Fru, and deceased attorneys William J. Joanis, Travis D. Stottler, Steven K. Marden and George C. Riggs.

The Board approved one claim against Tucker Joseph Hummel in the amount of \$10,794.04. Hummel last practiced in Bloomington, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in November 2013.

The Board approved one claim against Joseph Awah Fru in the total amount of \$1,600. Fru last practiced in Fridley, Minnesota. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in April 2013.

The Board approved one claim against deceased attorney William J. Joanis in the amount of \$91,166.31. Joanis last practiced in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Board approved one claim against deceased attorney Travis D. Stottler in the amount of \$14,262. The Board has now approved three claims against Stottler in the total amount of \$18,262. Stottler last practiced law in Lino Lakes, Minnesota.

The Board approved three claims against deceased attorney Steven K. Marden in the amount of \$4,944.52. Marden last practiced in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Board approved one claim against deceased attorney George C. Riggs in the amount of \$850. Riggs last practiced in Blaine, Minnesota.

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 does not cover losses resulting from the malpractice or negligence of lawyers. 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.

For more information on the Client Security Fund, visit the Board's Web site at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.

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