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RE: News Release – Minnesota Client Security Board Approves Claims

Pursuant to your standing request for news releases concerning the Client Security Board, a copy of the January 29, 2026, news release concerning payment of Client Security Board claims is attached.

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Enclosure

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NEWS RELEASE

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CLIENT SECURITY BOARD APPROVES CLAIMS

ST. PAUL – At its January 26, 2026, meeting, the Minnesota Client Security Board approved payment of four claims, in the amount of \$28,080, relating to attorney Joseph J. LeBlanc and disbarred attorney Michael B. Padden.

The Board approved three claims against attorney Joseph J. LeBlanc in the amount of \$9,080. LeBlanc last practiced in Minneapolis. He was transferred to disability inactive status by the Minnesota Supreme Court in July 2025.

The Board approved one claim against disbarred attorney Michael B. Padden in the amount of \$20,000. The Board has now approved six claims against Padden totaling \$83,800. Padden last practiced in Lake Elmo. He was disbarred by the Minnesota Supreme Court in August 2024.

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 due to the dishonest conduct of their attorney. The Fund does not cover losses resulting from 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 website at <http://csb.mncourts.gov>.

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