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Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Announces Deadlines for Claims

Daniel R. Hendi, director of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, has announced that any person who intends to file a claim with the fund against any of the attorneys listed below must file prior to the deadlines listed.

The fund's purpose is to pay on behalf of the honest majority of lawyers for the wrongdoing of a few.

For a claim to be eligible, the attorney against whom it is filed must have been a member of the bar, acting as either attorney or fiduciary, at the time of the incident; and unless deceased, must have been disbarred, suspended or placed on disability inactive status from the bar, or convicted of embezzlement or other misappropriation of property. The attorney's conduct giving rise to the claim must have been dishonest rather than negligent.

The issuance of the Supreme Court's determination to suspend or disbar an attorney activates the fund's jurisdiction to receive claims against that attorney. There is a one-year deadline after the discipline is issued to the attorney for clients to file claims. The client's claim does not need to be included in the ethics determination to be compensable. Discipline of the attorney does not guarantee compensability for any specific claim. Attorneys can be disciplined for conduct other than misappropriation.

An individual client can receive up to \$400,000. The fund can provide up to \$1.5 million in claims against a lawyer.

To receive a claim form, write to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 961, Trenton, NJ 08625-0961, or call 855-533-FUND (3863). The form must be completed, notarized and returned with copies of any proof of the transaction. There is no filing fee. Claimants assisted in their claims by practicing attorneys receive their representation free of charge.

NOTICE TO THE BAR

**LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION
DEADLINES FOR FILING CLAIMS**

Any person having a claim that has not been filed involving the following attorneys must file a claim with the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection prior to the deadline dates indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY OF PRACTICE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Bagdis, B. Jay	Out of State (PA)	February 28, 2018
Farrell J. Michael	Out of State (PA)	February 16, 2018
Gembala, Joseph A. III	Out of State (PA)	July 1, 2017*
Jones, Mikel David	Out of State (FL)	January 19, 2018
Kim, Chong S.	Monmouth	February 10, 2018
Levant, Harry J.	Camden	March 24, 2018
Meliado, Donald J. Jr.	Hudson	January 25, 2018
Nebab, Nestor Jr.	Somerset	January 24, 2018
Orloff, Dean I.	Burlington	January 4, 2018
Perkel, Benjamin H.	Out of State (PA)	May 27, 2016*
Rabbat, Victor K.	Morris	April 8, 2018
Schlissel, Aileen Merrill	Out of State (CA)	March 8, 2018
Shtindler, Yana	Essex	September 30, 2014*
Smith, Keith T.	Atlantic	February 28, 2018
Speziale, Paul	Bergen	March 8, 2018
Sussman, David S.	Union	January 11, 2018
Warren, Donald E.	Mercer	January 6, 2018

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Respondents noted with an Asterisk* indicates a retroactive discipline*