

**NJ LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION
FIRST QUARTER OF 2026
LIST OF CLAIMS PAID**

Name of Attorney	Town of Last Law Practice	Amount Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Claims Paid This Quarter (Cumulative Total)	Disciplinary Status of Attorney	Basis of Claim
Santo V. Artusa, Jr.*	Jersey City	\$2,500.00	1	Disbarred 1/05/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (17 claims)
		(\$75,875.00)	(17)		
Andrew Bitar*	Englewood Cliffs	\$1,800.00	1	Suspended 07/11/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (3 claims)
		(\$6,780.00)	(3)		
John Thomas Doyle *First time claim paid*	Newark	\$3,854.00	1	Disability Inactive 6/17/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
		(\$3854.00)	(1)		
Martin Fishman*	Franklin Lakes	\$250,000.00	1	Disbarred by Consent 10/8/24***	Misappropriation of Deposit of Monies/Real Estate Transaction (2 claims); Misappropriation of Escrow Monies/Real Estate Transaction (3 claims); Alleged Misappropriation of Funds-Misc. (1)
		(\$1,027,716.00)	(6)		
Chadwick Hooker *First time claim paid*	Mount Laurel	\$4,000.00	1	Suspended 3/26/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
		(\$4,000.00)	(1)		
Gary R. Katz *First time claim paid*	Marlton	\$116,667.00	2	Suspended 1/14/26	Misappropriation of Settlement Monies/Personal Injury (1 claim); Misappropriation of Monies/Loan (1 claim)
		(\$116,667.00)	(2)		
Mary Lenti *First time claim paid*	Mount Holly	\$3,200.00	1	Suspended 9/28/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
		(\$3,200.00)	(1)		
James Lisa*	Jersey City	\$1,500.00	1	Disbarred by Consent 10/2/25***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (19 claims)
		(\$44,800.00)	(19)		
Brittany L. Parisi	Matawan	\$17,500.00	1	Disbarred 1/16/26***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
		(\$67,945.00)	(9)		
Robert Ricci, Jr.	Clark	\$3,377.18	1	Deceased 1/30/25	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (1 claim)
		(\$3,377.18)	(1)		
David Thomas Schlendorf	Toms River	\$4,975.00	1	Disbarred by Consent 12/29/22***	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (2 claims)
		(\$8,975.00)	(2)		
Stelios Stoupakis*	Englewood	\$3,250.00	1	Disbarred by Consent 7/29/24	Dishonest Retention of Unearned Retainer (2 claims) Misappropriation of Trust Monies/Real Estate Transaction (1 claim)
		(\$67,400)	(3)		
		\$412,703.18	14		

Cumulative totals in parenthesis in third and fourth columns reflect total amount paid & total number of claims paid, respectively, against the attorney over the Fund's history
*Previous claims have been paid against this attorney
***Previously Disciplined