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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:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY OF PRACTICE</u></b>	<b><u>DEADLINE</u></b>
Armour, Raymond	Essex	March 16, 2017
Bevacqua, Vincent E.	Essex	January 7, 2017
Danese, Gregory	Hunterdon	March 11, 2017
Di Ciurcio, John David	Camden	March 7, 2017
Dubal, Siddharth G.	Middlesex	January 26, 2017
Dwyer, Louis C. Jr.	Cape May	March 3, 2017
Edelstein, Mark	Out of State (TX)	February 12, 2017
Grossbarth, Joel A.	Union	March 3, 2017
Hennessey, Robert Luke	Hudson	March 11, 2017
Lazerowitz, Jay I.	Bergen	January 27, 2017
Lloyd, James David	Union	March 23, 2017
Osborne, Michael	Middlesex	March 3, 2017
Powell, John Rex	Out of State (FL)	March 7, 2017
Pribula, Adam S.	Morris	March 23, 2017
Simpkins, Darryl W.	Somerset	March 30, 2017
Stasiuk, George P.	Passaic	March 30, 2017
Torre, William J.	Bergen	January 16, 2017
Velahos, Eftemois D.	Gloucester	March 23, 2017
Weil, Roger J.	Somerset	March 9, 2017

Trustees of the New Jersey Lawyers'  
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