



SOUTH CAROLINA BAR
LAWYERS' FUND FOR
CLIENT PROTECTION

*with Six Year Synopsis of Claims for
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2016*

annual report 2015-16

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

The Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection was established by the South Carolina Supreme Court by Rule 411, SCACR. The Court tasked the South Carolina Bar with creating a fund to compensate clients who suffered losses due to the dishonest conduct of members of the South Carolina Bar who had been suspended, disbarred, or died. The intent and purpose of the Lawyers' Fund is to preserve and protect the honor and integrity of the legal profession.

This mission of the Lawyers' Fund is carried out by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee. The Committee consists of twelve (12) members of the South Carolina Bar and one (1) member of the general public. These members are appointed by the President of the South Carolina Bar and approved by the Supreme Court. They serve on a voluntary basis without compensation as a public service for appointed five (5) year terms.

All claims made to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection commence with the filing of a Lawyers' Fund application with supporting documentation. The Lawyers' Fund rules provide that such claims must be received by the South Carolina Bar within three (3) years of the date the applicant discovered or reasonably ought to have discovered the dishonest conduct of the attorney. No claim will be considered after six (6) years from the occurrence of the dishonest conduct. The loss to be paid to any one client is limited to \$40,000, and the aggregate lifetime total paid per attorney cannot exceed \$200,000. The South Carolina Bar assesses each Regular member of the Bar \$30 per year to support the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. The fund operates on a July through June fiscal year.

The Rules of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection expressly provide:

In establishing the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, the South Carolina Bar did not create nor acknowledge any legal responsibility for the acts of individual lawyers in the practice of law. All reimbursements of losses of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection shall be a matter of grace in the sole discretion of the committee administering the Fund and not a matter of right. No client or member of the public shall have any right in the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

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2016 Manager's Report

The 2016 fiscal year for the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection ran from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. During this year, 59 claims were filed against South Carolina attorneys. The Committee approved 52 claims and awarded a total of \$325,380.82 to victims.

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Claims for 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Auman, Fred W.	2	0	\$0.00
Ballou, Paul	1	0	\$0.00
Biddle, J. Marshall	1	1	\$300.00
Bilbro, Walter	1	0	\$0.00
Bosnak, John	1	0	\$0.00
Brunty, Mark	4	1	\$2,900.00
Chaplin, Joenathan	0	3	\$3,150.00
D'Agostino, Richard	2	1	\$353.50
Davis, Brian	0	1	\$7,515.15
Davis, Rosalee	1	1	\$2,400.00
Dickey, Dannitte Mays	2	1	\$500.00
Diggs, William	3	6	\$2,750.00
Drose, S. Robert	3	2	\$2,075.00
Eppink, Thomas *	1	1	\$900.00
Fisher, Adam	1	1	\$1,500.00
Geer, Joel	1	0	\$0.00
Gilbert, Edward	1	1	\$28,594.00
Green, Jason *	0	1	\$1,756.56
Hanna, David	1	0	\$0.00

Hemingway, Robert	1	0	\$0.00
Hinton, O. Cyrus *	3	9	\$18,650.00
Jackson, John A.	1	0	\$0.00
Jones, Horace Anderson *	5	4	\$127,500.00
Kellett, Jason	0	1	\$21,854.12
Kincannon, J. Todd	4	0	\$0.00
Landess, Katherine	1	1	\$2,450.00
Lapham, Steven	1	1	\$500.00
Locklair, John Wesley III	4	5	17,700.00
Mabry, Ben *	1	1	\$500.00
McMaster, George	1	1	\$27,500.00
Moody, William	0	1	\$20,259.87
Newman, Brian D.	4	0	\$0.00
Owens, John Kevin	0	3	\$4,300.00
Parker, Amy	0	1	\$5,000.00
Sample, David	3	0	\$0.00
Singleton, Max	1	1	\$1,000.00
Stockholm, Gene	0	1	\$3,000.00
Taylor, R. Paul	1	1	\$1,625.00
Taylor, William R.	0	1	\$755.50
Walker, Michael A.	0	2	\$18,093.12
Walker, Timothy **	1	0	\$0.00
Whitney, William	1	0	\$0.00

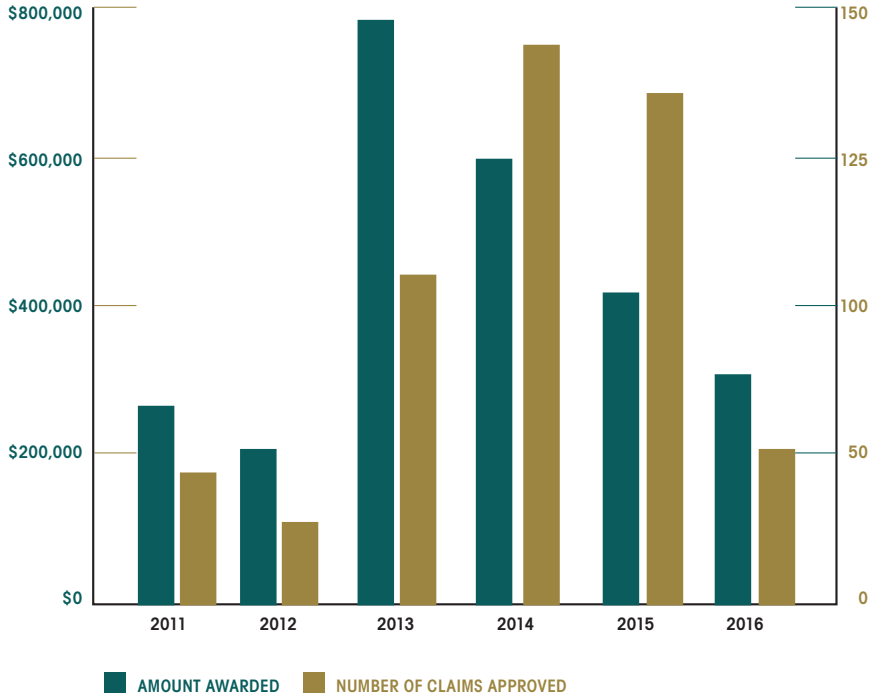
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Six (6) Year Summary

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2016, six hundred and seventy-five (675) claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Five hundred and forty-three (543) of these claims were found to have merit and a total of \$2,645,320.80 was awarded over this period to Lawyers' Fund applicants.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS APPROVED AND AWARDED



Fiscal Year 2015

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, 75 claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund. The Committee approved 102 claims with a total of \$755,245.46 awarded to victims.

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Claims for 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Anderson, Charles	1	0	\$0.00
Auman, Fred W.	3	1	\$1075.00
Baldwin, Benjamin	0	1	\$1,025.00
Brunty, Mark	4	16	\$79,650.00
Bulford, Teresa	1	0	\$0.00
Chaplin, Joenathan	9	1	\$2,000.00
Cutchin, William	0	2	\$3,800.00
Davis, Brian N.	3	5	\$123,900.00
Davis, Rosalee	2	5	\$4,940.00
Defillo, Alma **	1	0	\$0.00
Diggs, William I.	10	9	\$149,526.35
Drose, Samuel Robert	6	6	\$22,682.32
Green, Jason *	0	3	\$3,262.36
Hinton, O. Cyrus*	7	0	\$0.00
Jackson, John A.	0	2	\$6,300.00
James, Gary D.	0	1	\$4,200.00
Johnson, Michael	0	1	\$9,151.54
Jones, Horace Anderson *	3	0	\$0.00
Jones-Burgess, Shana	0	3	\$6,050.00

2015 Fiscal Year, continued.

Lapham, Steven	0	3	\$5,650.00
Locklair, John W.	3	0	\$0.00
McMaster, George	5	5	\$13,600.00
Moody, William T.	2	0	\$0.00
Owens, John Kevin	3	4	\$9,157.50
Pack, Danny	0	1	\$2,000.00
Papa, Robert	1	0	\$0.00
Parker, Amy	2	7	\$13,940.00
Rogol, Marshall	0	3	\$2,575.00
Samaha, George	0	1	\$10,000.00
Stockholm, Gene	1	0	\$0.00
Swanner, David A.	1	0	\$0.00
Taylor, Robert Paul	2	4	\$6,438.75
Walker, Michael A.	1	1	\$4,364.00
Warren, William F. III	3	6	\$153,639.30
Whitney, William	1	9	\$75,068.34
Williams, Phillip	0	1	\$40,500.00
Youngblood, W. Lee *	0	1	\$750.00

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Fiscal Year 2014

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, 129 claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund. The Committee approved 125 claims with a total of \$770,835.93 awarded to victims. Two (2) South Carolina attorneys reached the maximum payout of \$200,000.00 and victims' claims had to be prorated for these attorneys.

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Baldwin, Benjamin	2	0	\$0.00
Boyd, William A.	2	1	\$4,188.51
Breibart, Richard	1	0	\$0.00
Brunty, Mark	8	11	\$39,888.00
Cooper, Kenneth	0	1	\$2,200.00
Cromartie, E.W. II	0	1	\$18,946.73
Cutchin, William	1	1	\$2,000.00
Davis, Brian	8	1	\$1,918.40
Davis, Rosalee	6	2	\$4,000.00
Davis, William	1	0	\$0.00
Drose, Samuel Robert	3	0	\$0.00
Ebener, Kenneth	1	0	\$0.00
Green, Jason *	5	0	\$0.00
Hatley, Chad	0	1	\$1,650.00
Hunter, Leigh *	1	1	\$5,000.00
Jackson, John A.	2	0	\$0.00
James, Gary D.	2	1	\$26,000.00
Johnson, Michael F.	3	0	\$0.00
Jones, Horace Anderson *	0	1	\$39,632.55

2014 Fiscal Year, continued.

Jones, James	0	1	\$40,000.00
Jones-Burgess, Shana	3	1	\$1,400.00
Lapham, Steven	3	3	\$5,350.00
Lawson, David	0	2	\$1,840.00
Miller, C. Kevin	1	3	\$47,075.00
Moody, William T.	1	0	\$0.00
Newton, Frederick	0	1	\$1,000.00
Newton, W. Darnell	0	2	\$2,500.00
Owens, John Kevin	4	0	\$0.00
Pack, Danny	1	0	\$0.00
Parker, Amy	15	8	\$18,975.00
Rivers, William	2	26	\$200,000.04
Rogol, Marshall U.	7	0	\$0.00
Samaha, George	3	0	\$0.00
Schurknight, John *	12	47	\$199,999.88
Smith, David	0	1	\$700.00
Steinmeyer, Amanda	0	3	\$59,366.82
Stuart, Garfield *	0	1	\$900.00
Swanner, David	1	0	\$0.00
Taylor, Robert Paul	3	0	\$0.00
Walker, Michael	2	0	\$0.00
Warren, William F. III	3	0	\$0.00
Whitney, William E. Jr.	17	0	\$0.00

Williams, Phillip	4	1	\$40,000.00
Youngblood, W. Lee *	1	3	\$6,300.00

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Fiscal Year 2013

Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, 255 claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund. The Committee approved 147 claims with a total of \$421,243.25 awarded to victims. One (1) South Carolina attorney reached the maximum payout of \$200,000.00, and victims' claims had to be prorated for this attorney.

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Bagnell, Gilbert	1	0	\$0.00
Ballou, Paul	1	0	\$0.00
Beck, Daniel	2	0	\$0.00
Breibart, Richard	78	90	\$200,000.07
Brunty, Mark	43	0	\$0.00
Cooper, Kenneth G.	4	6	\$10,726.25
Cromartie, E.W. II	1	0	\$0.00
Crummey, Sherry	0	9	\$45,812.16
Cutchin, William	2	0	\$0.00
Gay, Douglas F.	1	0	\$0.00
Hatley, Chad	0	5	\$7,050.00
Hoffman, Tammie L.	1	0	\$0.00
Hunter, Leigh *	4	3	\$6,925.00
James, Gary D.	1	3	\$37,960.63
Jones, Horace Anderson *	1	0	\$0.00
Jones-Burgess, Shana	2	1	\$1,125.00

2013 Fiscal Year, continued.

Krawcheck, Kenneth	1	1	\$5,000.00
Lafaye, George III	0	1	\$1,765.00
Lapham, Steven	7	2	\$4,500.00
Lawson, David	1	4	\$2,750.00
Martin, Kenneth Ray	1	0	\$0.00
Miller, Kevin	3	5	\$52,710.14
Moss, James	1	0	\$0.00
Newton, Darnell	4	1	\$1,050.00
Newton, Frederick	6	6	\$11,645.28
Padgett, Mahlon *	1	3	\$2,415.00
Pennington, Clyde	0	1	\$1,000.00
Rivers, William J. III	29	0	\$0.00
Roberts, Christopher B.	1	0	\$0.00
Rogers, Sara Jayne	0	4	\$18,233.72
Schurknight, John *	48	0	\$0.00
Smith, Jeffrey G.	2	2	\$3,650.00
Steinmeyer, Amanda	1	0	\$0.00
Stuart, Garfield *	1	0	\$0.00
Toney, Ivan	2	0	\$0.00
Youngblood, W. Lee *	4	0	\$0.00

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Fiscal Year 2012

Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, 136 claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund. The Committee approved 51 claims with a total of \$174,013.04 awarded to victims.

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Beck, Daniel	2	0	\$0.00
Boyd, William A.	1	0	\$0.00
Breibart, Richard	20	0	\$0.00
Brown, James Michael	1	1	\$1,000.00
Bulford, Teresa	4	4	\$13,986.41
Cooper, Adrian	0	1	\$800.00
Cooper, Kenneth	5	0	\$0.00
Crummey, Sherry	1	0	\$0.00
Diggs, Darrell L.	1	0	\$0.00
Hatley, Chad B.	13	5	\$5,870.00
James, Gary	5	2	\$6,184.29
Jones, Sidney	9	0	\$0.00
Kinard, W. Robert *	3	3	\$8,000.00
Lafaye, George III	3	2	\$4,500.00
Lawson, David	19	12	\$12,350.00
Long, J.M. III	0	2	\$4,200.00
Martin, Kenneth	1	0	\$0.00
Miller, Kevin C.	4	0	\$0.00
Moore, Michael D.	0	1	\$19,400.00
Newton, Darnell	2	0	\$0.00
Newton, Frederick	1	0	\$0.00

2012 Fiscal Year, continued.

Padgett, Mahlon E. *	4	2	\$1,750.00
Phillips, Ralph *	2	6	\$5,215.00
Poff, Craig	1	0	\$0.00
Prendergast, Sean	1	0	\$0.00
Robertson, Marvin	1	1	\$40,000.00
Rogers, Sara Jayne	6	2	\$24,545.00
Smith, David	1	0	\$0.00
Smith, Jeffrey G.	4	4	\$7,000.00
Steinmeyer, Amanda	3	0	\$0.00
Stuart, Garfield *	1	1	\$2,879.00
Taylor, William R.	3	0	\$0.00
Toney, Ivan	10	0	\$0.00
Walker, Irby	3	2	\$16,333.34
Yarborough, Ernest	1	0	\$0.00

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Fiscal Year 2011

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, 21 claims were filed with the Lawyers' Fund. The Committee approved 66 claims with a total of \$198,592.80 awarded to victims.

Attorney	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved	Amount of Claims Awarded
Braghirol, David	0	1	\$14,000.00
Brannon, Derwin	0	2	\$3,500.00
Brown, James Michael	1	1	\$1,050.00
Bulford, Teresa	1	1	\$2,500.00
Campbell, Richard M. Jr.	1	1	\$403.58
Cooper, Adrian	3	2	\$740.22
Crummey, Sherry	0	4	\$5,050.00
Culberson, David *	0	2	\$40,000.00
Danielson, David	0	1	\$3,000.00
Drennan, John	0	1	\$2,500.00
Hardee-Thomas, Marva	0	2	\$3,659.00
Jackson, Marvin P. *	0	1	\$750.00
Johnson, Charles	0	1	\$750.00
Jordan, Michael	0	2	\$5,568.00
Kellett, Jason	1	2	\$6,500.00
Kinard, W. Robert *	1	1	\$4,240.00
Long, J.M., III	0	1	\$1,500.00
Moore, Michael	2	1	\$2,500.00
Pennington, Clyde	1	3	\$4,900.00
Phillips, Ralph *	1	0	\$0.00

2011 Fiscal Year, continued.

Schelin, Sheryl	0	4	\$5,397.00
Steinmeyer, Amanda	1	1	\$190.00
Stuart, Garfield *	2	2	\$2,995.00
Thompson, Samuel	0	1	\$6,500.00
Walker, Irby	6	28	\$80,400.00

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