

CLIENTS' SECURITY BOARD

OF THE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

FISCAL YEAR 2021

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

CLIENTS' SECURITY BOARD
of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
June 30, 2021

Dear Reader,

Fiscal year 2021 proved to be a vibrant and active year for the Clients' Security Board. As the world continued to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board and staff conducted all work remotely. Compared to fiscal year 2020, we met nine times versus ten; conducted ten videoconference claimant hearings versus four; and decided a total of 73 claims versus 44 from the prior year.

These claims included 23 from former clients of Richard J. Reilly, Jr., a disbarred attorney who had required elderly clients to each pay him \$1,000.00 as advance expense retainers to join a 2011 "class action" that would redress the problems with their time-share apartments on the Cape. Reilly settled a different lawsuit for other clients against the same developer by agreeing to cease representing the class action clients in current or future claims. Reilly then allowed the dismissal of the class action in 2013 without notice to his clients and without returning the unearned retainers to them. Many of the class-action clients did not learn what had happened to their case or their lawyer until the CSB contacted each of them after Reilly's 2019 indefinite suspension and 2020 disbarment and sent them a copy of an application to use for making a possible CSB claim.

Although the CSB made 65 awards in fiscal year 2021, up from 35 the prior year, the total amount awarded dipped by almost half (\$1.1 million compared to \$1.9 million last year). However, by the end of fiscal year 2021, the pending claims before the CSB totaled \$2,317,875.23, up from \$1,180,491.08 the prior year.

The CSB had a banner year in obtaining restitution for the Clients' Security Fund. During fiscal year 2021, one out-of-state claimant reimbursed the Clients' Security Fund 100% of a \$37,000.00 award after suing the respondent Robert H. Carp in Massachusetts state court and recovering more in damages than were compensable by the Board. We believe the speed, amount, and source of the repayment is a first in Board history. In a separate matter, the Board, as claimants' assignee, filed a collection suit (now in the final moments of a negotiated settlement) against the successors in interest of John H. Kelleher, a respondent who died more than ten years ago. The settlement will restore the April 2003 status quo when respondent misappropriated the claimants' home. Details will follow the conclusion of this unprecedented settlement.

As has always been the case, a nearly invisible fragment (25 or 0.04% of the Commonwealth's almost 60,000 lawyers) was responsible for 100% of the claims for reimbursement. The top six lawyers (24% of the 25) accounted for 80% of the

misappropriations. The category of Trusts and Estates was again the area with the most reimbursable losses, accounting for more than 40% of the \$1.1 million awarded.

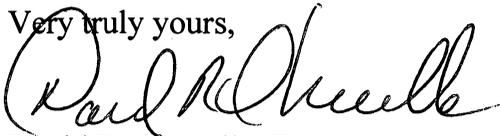
In October 2020 we received the good news that the diligent *amicus curia* work performed by Karen D. O'Toole, Linda Bauer's predecessor as CSB general counsel, contributed to an SJC full bench ruling in *Matter of Olchowski*. The Court ruled that unidentified client funds on deposit in an IOLTA account are not "abandoned property" to be deposited with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth but rather should be remitted to the IOLTA committee for distribution. If the owners of these funds are ultimately identified, in time some of the funds may be used to cover reimbursements that would otherwise be paid from the Clients' Security Fund.

During fiscal year 2021, the Board continued its oversight of Citizens Bank, the current outside investment manager of the Clients' Security Fund. The CSB staff updated forms to make them more user-friendly to potential claimants and continued to make presentations to law students and bar members to increase awareness of the work of the Board. We did not enter into any material written contracts.

We send our warmest and best wishes to Kimberly S. Budd, who in December 2020 was sworn in as the 38th Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Those wishes go in equal measure also to Dalila Arguez Wendlandt and Serge Georges, Jr., both of whom were appointed Associate Justices during December 2020. May all three justices thrive and enjoy their vital work.

In conclusion, I would like to express my continued gratitude to Linda Bauer, Adam Lutynski, Bernice Addonizio and my fellow Board members for their support and unwavering dedication to the mission of the Clients' Security Board. Although we have been fully remote this entire year, through the CSB team's combined effort and dedication, we have continued to fulfil the mission of the CSB.

Very truly yours,



David R. Chenelle, Esq.
Chair

History and Operation of the Clients' Security Fund

In 1974, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts created the Clients' Security Board and Fund by Court rule. Their purpose is to preserve the public's trust in the legal profession by reimbursing clients whose lawyers have stolen their funds. All funds used to make awards come from Massachusetts lawyers through their annual registration fees. No public funds or tax dollars are used for any reimbursements.

A volunteer Board of seven Massachusetts lawyers appointed by the Court makes all awards. Board members serve five-year terms without compensation and act as public trustees for the Fund. The Board has sole discretion whether to allow or deny client claims in whole or in part. The Board generally meets monthly, and most meetings include one or more hearings attended by claimants, sometimes alone but often accompanied by *pro bono* counsel. Although invited, disciplined attorneys rarely attend. Since March 2020, the Board has met by video conference. The Board's staff investigates each claim, prepares confidential memoranda on claims, pursues restitution, maintains records of claims and collection efforts, and engages in outreach to inform the public and the bar about the Fund.

Overview

Since 1974, the Board has awarded over \$56 million to more than 2,400 claimants. The disciplined or deceased lawyers responsible for those claims represent less than 0.04% of the licensed lawyers in Massachusetts, whose funds reimburse the client victims. Massachusetts has no limit on individual awards, no limit on aggregate awards per lawyer, and no statute of limitations on filing a claim.

Eligibility for CSB Awards

A claimant must be a law client who suffered a reimbursable loss caused by the dishonest conduct of a Massachusetts lawyer acting either as a lawyer or a fiduciary when the loss occurred. The responsible lawyer must have been suspended or disbarred, or have resigned or died. S.J.C. Rules 4:04, § 1 and 4:05, § 1. "Dishonest conduct" includes theft, embezzlement, or conversion of money or property, regardless of where the loss occurred. Other examples of "dishonest conduct" include failing to refund unearned fees received in advance as required by Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.16(d); borrowing money without the intention to repay it; and settling a case without authorization and misappropriating the settlement proceeds. CSB Rule 3(E). Awards do not include any loss to the extent that the client has recovered or may recover the funds from a collateral source; any loss arising solely out of an investment, lending, personal, or business relationship; or any consequential or incidental damages, such as lost interest, lawyer's fees, or other costs incurred in seeking recovery of a loss. CSB Rule 3(G). Examples of common claims where the losses are not reimbursable include lawyer malpractice or simple fee disputes. More information about eligibility and how to file a claim can be found at www.masscsb.org.

FY 2021 – SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS

Total Awarded	\$1,085,976.84
Claims Adjudicated	73
Total Awards	65
Lawyers Responsible	25 out of 59,708 (0.04%)
Claims Dismissed	8
# Claims Pending, Year-End	18
\$ Claims Pending, Year-End	\$2,317,675.23

BASIS FOR DISMISSED CLAIMS

Category	No. of Claims
No Defalcation	4
Fee Dispute	1
Restitution	3
Total	8

CLAIMS PENDING

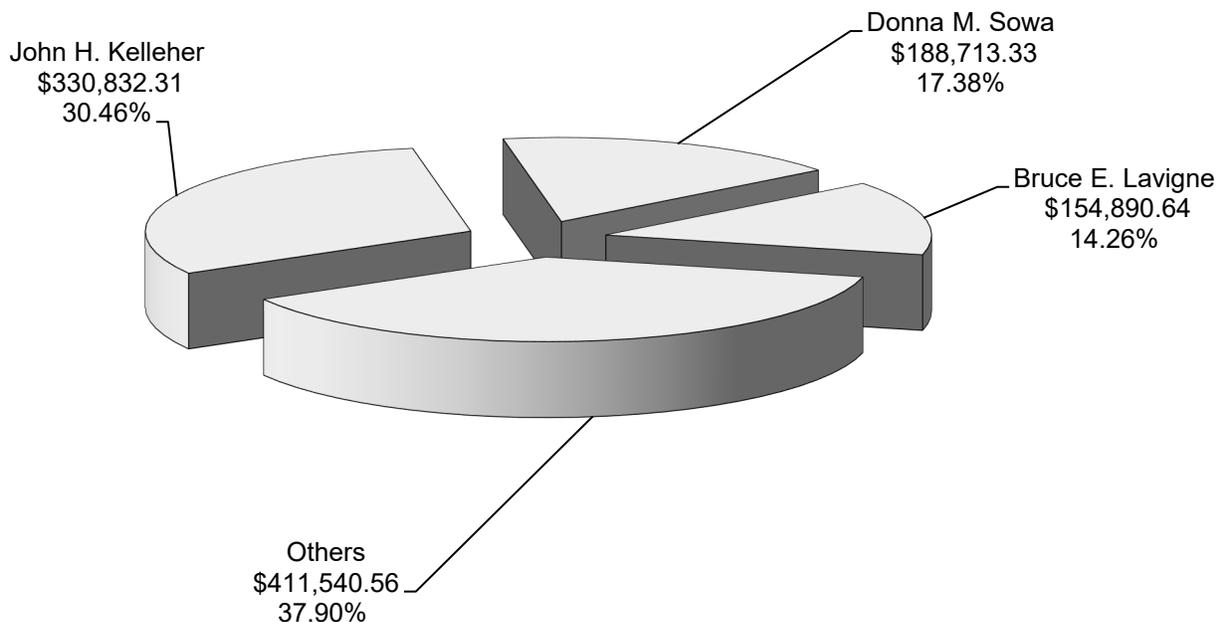
Basis	# of Claims Pending	Total Claims
Real Estate	3	\$372,893.00
Settlement	2	\$38,950.00
Trusts & Estates	4	\$1,569,445.66
Unearned Retainer	7	\$51,946.95
Fiduciary Funds	2	\$284,639.62
Total	18	\$2,317,875.23

FY 2021 LOSSES AND AWARDS BY DISCIPLINED/DECEASED LAWYERS

Disciplined/Deceased Lawyer	Town/State	County	No. of Awards	Amount Awarded	Reimbursable Loss Amounts
John H. Kelleher*	Boston, MA	Suffolk	1	\$330,832.31	\$330,832.31
Donna M. Sowa	New Bedford, MA	Bristol	1	\$188,713.33	\$188,713.33
Bruce E. Lavigne	Plymouth, MA	Plymouth	1	\$154,890.64	\$154,890.64
Josiah Weiss	Vienna, VA	Fairfax	11	\$77,118.02	\$77,118.02
Harland L. Smith	East Brookfield, MA	Worcester	2	\$62,259.88	\$62,259.88
Stephen B. Swaye	New Bedford, MA	Bristol	1	\$47,405.00	\$47,405.00
Richard J. Reilly, Jr.	Dorval, QC	Canada	25	\$44,462.00	\$44,462.00
Peter R. Kaplan	Lynn, MA	Essex	2	\$44,340.25	\$44,340.25
Robert H. Carp	Gloucester, MA	Essex	1	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
Omar S. Gonzalez	Boston, MA	Suffolk	1	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
Michael P. Murphy	Newton, MA	Middlesex	2	\$15,598.00	\$15,598.00
Glen R. Vasa	Brockton, MA	Plymouth	1	\$13,587.17	\$13,587.17
Gail A. Balsler	Mashpee, MA	Barnstable	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Thomas J. Freedman*	Dedham, MA	Norfolk	1	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00
Anthony Gianacopoulos	Dalton, MA	Berkshire	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Jeffrey R. Mazer	Ipswich, MA	Essex	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Frank M. Dimaria	Woburn, MA	Middlesex	4	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gaytri D. Kachroo	Lynn, MA	Essex	1	\$4,207.71	\$4,207.71
Ilya Liviz	Boston, MA	Suffolk	1	\$2,458.64	\$2,458.64
James P. Hentz*	Upton, MA	Worcester	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Edward J. McMahon*	Northhampton, MA	Hampshire	1	\$1,973.89	\$1,973.89
Gerard Joseph Walsh*	Boston, MA	Suffolk	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Jennifer Anne Elcock	Phoenix, AZ	Maricopa	1	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00
William Allen Ponds*	Plymouth, MA	Plymouth	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Anna Bastian*	Wakefield, MA	Middlesex	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
TOTAL			65	\$1,085,976.84	\$1,085,976.84

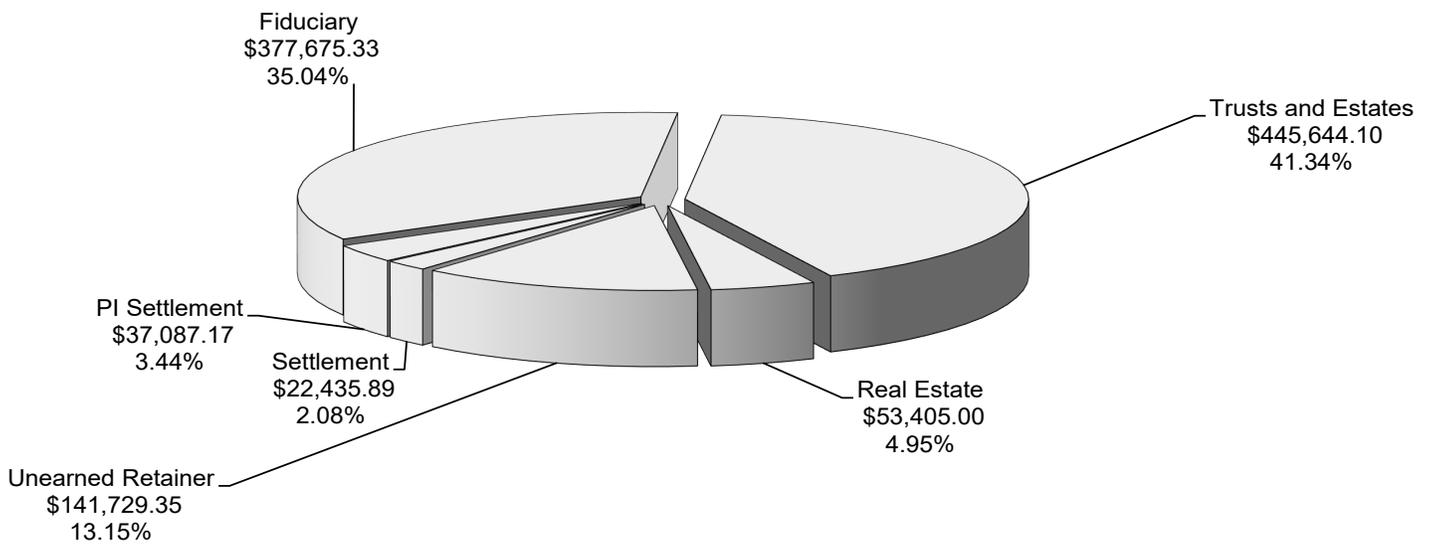
*Deceased

FY 2021 LAWYERS CAUSING LARGEST REIMBURSIBLE LOSSES



FY 2021 AWARDS BY CATEGORIES

Category	No. of Awards	% of Total Awards	Total Awarded	% Total \$\$ Awarded	Total Defalcation	% of Total Defalcation
Fiduciary	3	4.62%	\$377,675.33	34.78%	\$377,675.33	34.78%
Trusts & Estates	4	6.15%	\$445,644.10	41.04%	\$445,644.10	41.04%
Real Estate	6	9.23%	\$53,405.00	4.92%	\$53,405.00	4.92%
Unearned Retainer	47	72.31%	\$141,729.35	13.05%	\$141,729.35	13.05%
Settlement	2	3.08%	\$22,435.89	2.07%	\$22,435.89	2.07%
PI Settlement	2	3.08%	\$37,087.17	3.42%	\$37,087.17	3.42%
Bankruptcy	1	1.54%	\$8,000.00	0.74%	\$8,000.00	0.74%
	65	100.00%	\$1,085,976.84	100.00%	\$1,085,976.84	100.00%



FIDUCIARY: THE MISUSE OF FUNDS HELD BY AN ATTORNEY ACTING AS A FIDUCIARY ARISING FROM AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
John H. Kelleher	1	\$330,832.31	87.60%
Josiah Weiss	2	\$46,843.02	12.40%
Total	3	\$377,675.33	100.00%

TRUSTS AND ESTATES: THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF ASSETS FROM A TRUST, AN ESTATE, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE BENEFICIARIES BY AN ATTORNEY ACTING AS AN ATTORNEY OR AS A FIDUCIARY, EXECUTOR OR TRUSTEE.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Donna M. Sowa	1	\$188,713.33	42.35%
Bruce E. Lavigne	1	\$154,890.64	34.76%
Peter R. Kaplan	1	\$42,980.25	9.64%
Harland L. Smith	1	\$59,059.88	13.25%
Total	4	\$445,644.10	100.00%

REAL ESTATE: MISAPPROPRIATION OF DEPOSITS, ESCROWS, PURCHASE-MONEY OR SALE PROCEEDS IN PURCHASE, SALE, AND REFINANCE TRANSACTIONS.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Stephen B. Swaye	1	\$47,405.00	88.77%
Frank M. Dimaria	4	\$5,000.00	9.36%
Richard J. Reilly, Jr.	1	\$1,000.00	1.87%
Total	6	\$53,405.00	100.00%

BANKRUPTCY: MISAPPROPRIATION OF CLIENT FUNDS INTENDED AS PAYMENTS TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR TO CREDITORS.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Gail A. Balsler	1	\$8,000.00	100.00%
Total	1	\$8,000.00	100.00%

UNEARNED RETAINER: CLIENT MONEY ACCEPTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO FAILED TO PERFORM THE AGREED-UPON LEGAL SERVICE. THESE CLAIMS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH FEE DISPUTES OR MALPRACTICE CLAIMS WHERE AN ATTORNEY NEGLIGENTLY PERFORMS LEGAL SERVICES CAUSING FINANCIAL LOSS TO A CLIENT.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Robert H. Carp	1	\$37,000.00	26.11%
Josiah Weiss	9	\$30,275.00	21.36%
Richard J. Reilly, Jr.	23	\$23,000.00	16.23%
Michael P. Murphy	2	\$15,598.00	11.01%
Thomas J. Freedman	1	\$7,800.00	5.50%
Anthony B. Giancopoulos	1	\$5,000.00	3.53%
Jeffrey R. Mazer	1	\$5,000.00	3.53%
Gaytri D. Kachroo	1	\$4,207.71	2.97%
Harland L. Smith	1	\$3,200.00	2.26%
Ilya Liviz	1	\$2,458.64	1.73%
James P. Hentz	1	\$2,400.00	1.69%
Peter R. Kaplan	1	\$1,360.00	0.96%
Gerard Joseph Walsh	1	\$1,500.00	1.06%
Jennifer Anne Elcock	1	\$1,180.00	0.83%
William Allen Ponds	1	\$1,000.00	0.71%
Anna Bastian	1	\$750.00	0.53%
Total	47	\$141,729.35	100.00%

SETTLEMENT: MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF NON-PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION MATTERS.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Richard J. Reilly, Jr.	1	\$20,462.00	91.20%
Edward J. McMahon	1	\$1,973.89	8.80%
Total	2	\$22,435.89	100.00%

PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT: MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY MATTERS.

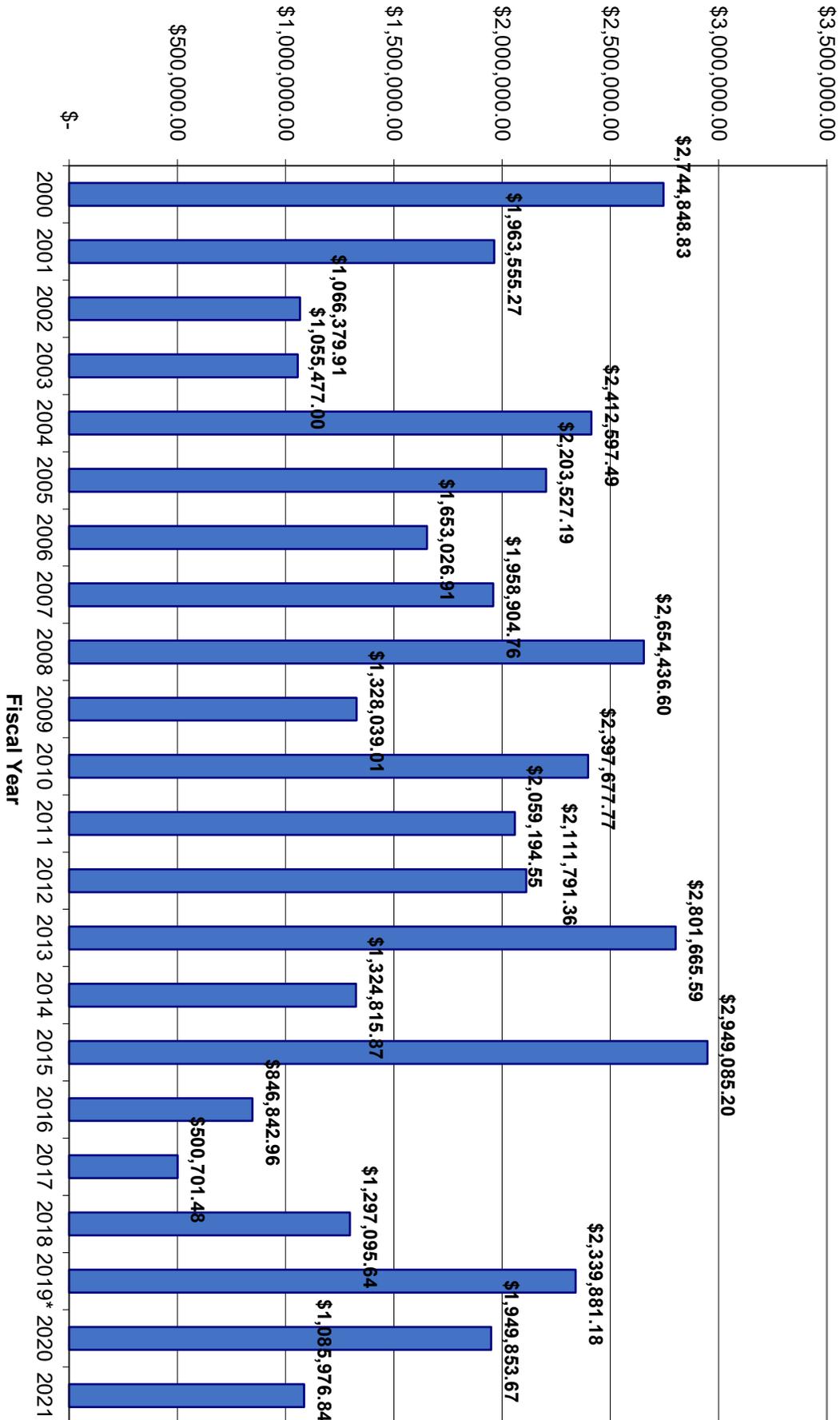
Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Omar S. Gonzalez	1	\$23,500.00	63.36%
Glen R. Vasa	1	\$13,587.17	36.64%
Total	2	\$37,087.17	100.00%

Claims Activity Chart 1975-2021

Fiscal Year	Claims Filed	Claims Adjudicated	Cases Dismissed	Awards Made	Award Amounts
1975-1979	195	126	76	50	\$ 148,767.80
1980	126	60	38	22	\$ 71,208.00
1981	42	126	61	65	\$ 244,276.18
1982	30	29	9	20	\$ 80,212.00
1983	35	40	7	33	\$ 152,005.00
1984	45	42	17	25	\$ 141,125.67
1985	46	34	12	22	\$ 224,904.17
1986	23	38	7	31	\$ 214,810.75
1987	42	34	12	22	\$ 503,776.00
1988	28	24	13	11	\$ 267,954.24
1989	51	40	16	24	\$ 146,720.06
1990	74	73	18	55	\$ 759,025.23
1991	71	55	20	35	\$ 624,592.42
1992	124	85	16	69	\$ 968,894.77
1993	146	95	22	73	\$ 1,111,181.93
1994	109	157	27	130	\$ 1,203,911.62
1995	90	103	35	68	\$ 1,602,217.70
1996	139	100	33	67	\$ 1,696,870.13
1997	81	113	30	83	\$ 2,058,900.92
1998	119	102	46	56	\$ 1,254,229.91
1999	80	98	32	66	\$ 2,119,675.47
2000	83	108	22	86	\$ 2,744,848.83
2001	119	70	15	55	\$ 1,963,555.27
2002	82	94	25	69	\$ 1,066,379.91
2003	116	56	11	45	\$ 1,055,477.00
2004	90	157	58	99	\$ 2,412,597.49
2005	81	81	26	55	\$ 2,203,527.19
2006	91	93	51	42	\$ 1,653,026.91
2007	77	88	31	57	\$ 1,958,904.76
2008	108	89	21	68	\$ 2,654,436.60
2009	95	116	33	83	\$ 1,328,039.01
2010	82	106	14	92	\$ 2,397,677.77
2011	106	97	34	63	\$ 2,059,194.55
2012	85	113	27	86	\$ 2,111,791.36
2013	108	83	14	69	\$ 2,801,665.59
2014	121	142	28	114	\$ 1,324,815.87
2015	59	86	25	61	\$ 2,949,085.20
2016	47	50	22	28	\$ 846,842.96
2017	68	62	15	47	\$ 500,701.48
2018	89	101	10	91	\$ 1,297,095.64
2019*	49	42	7	35	\$ 2,339,881.18
2020	30	44	9	35	\$ 1,949,853.67
2021	52	73	8	65	\$ 1,085,976.84

*Ten-month fiscal year

Claims Filed from 2000-2021



Restitution

Before paying any award, the CSB requires the claimant to sign an assignment or subrogation agreement transferring to the Board the right to pursue collection actions against the claimant's former lawyer or responsible third parties. The CSB also demands full payment of the award from the responsible lawyer, and notifies the lawyer that the CSB may exercise its subrogation rights and will likely oppose any petition for reinstatement by the disciplined lawyer unless full restitution is made.

Where a reasonable likelihood of success exists, the CSB engages private counsel to pursue collection actions against lawyers when awards are greater than \$25,000.00, or when aggregate awards resulting from one lawyer's misappropriations exceed \$25,000.00. The CSB also receives court-ordered payments following criminal convictions of lawyers, and voluntary payments from other disciplined lawyers.

In FY 2021, the CSB received a total of \$73,566.54 in restitution. More than half of the FY 2021 restitution came from an unprecedented award reimbursement of \$37,000.00 from a claimant who sued his former lawyer and recovered multiple damages in excess of the CSB award. The CSB also filed a substantial collection action seeking reimbursement of over \$330,000.00, which action was still pending at the end of FY 2021.

RESTITUTION

Category	Amount Collected
Court-Ordered	\$20,211.69
CSB Activity	\$1,200.00
Voluntary	\$52,154.85
Total	\$73,566.54

HISTORICAL RESTITUTION CHART

Fiscal Years	Amount of Restitution
1974-1984	\$181,636.62
1985-1995	\$511,055.94
1996-2006	\$1,445,663.29
2007-2017	\$1,646,722.64
2018-2021	\$234,280.75
Total	\$4,019,359.24

PRO BONO LAWYERS

The Board is pleased to acknowledge and thank the following lawyers who generously contributed their time and talents during FY 2021 to represent claimants before the Board for which service, by Court Rule, they may not receive compensation.

Kevin Chrisanthopoulos, Esq.
Westfield, MA

Joseph Henry Silvia, Esq.
Fall River, MA

Christopher Joseph Fein, Esq.
Braintree, MA

Cornelius F. Sullivan, Esq.
Groton, MA

Mary M. Howie, Esq.
Salem, NH

Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz, Esq.
Newton Center, MA

Joseph M. Lally, Esq.
Milton, MA

FY 2021 CLAIMANTS' THOUGHTS

“Thank you so very much ... for listening and guiding me through this recovery process.”

Claimant message (July 2020)

“I’d like to extend my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to you and the CSB. It brought me a glimpse of hope and faith in humanity during this time of uncertainty.... Thank you and each and every board member for balancing a long-awaited justice.”

Claimant message (November 2020)

“I’m a Disabled Combat Veteran on Fixed Income, and I gave up my Vehicle, in order to pay [my lawyer].... I’m without Transportation, and on top of that, I cannot even get Hired, in order to catch up.... So Thank You for Being Kind, and God bless you....”

Claimant message (November 2020)

“Thank you so much for your prompt response and ... facilitat[ing] in the recovery of the escrow [my lawyer] had absconded. Because of dedicated, consummate professionals like you, I will forever be reminded of how fortunate and blessed I am to have had the privilege of your unwavering support.... Job well done!!!!”

Claimant message (January 2021)

“I would like to thank you and the Clients’ Security Board for the kind consideration [claimants] received from the Board. . . . [They] will be able to secure housing for their family because of your actions and . . . to move forward with their lives. . . . And [claimant] died in peace knowing some provisions were made for his family because of the Board’s action. . . . I am grateful for your helpful assistance during this process and on behalf of my clients I would like to offer you my sincere appreciation for your guidance.”

Claimants’ Lawyer’s message (March 2021)

“Nice to receive the good news.... I appreciate all your efforts on my behalf.”

Claimant message (March 2021)

Board Members

David R. Chenelle, Esq., Chair, was appointed to the Board effective June, 2018. He is a Partner and Director of Perkins & Anctil, P.C., located in Westford, MA where he manages the firm's Condominium Lien Enforcement and Bankruptcy departments. He also works closely with the firm's Community Association clients providing guidance and representation for lien enforcement and general matters. He is an active member of the CAI New England (CAI-NE) chapter participating in its attorneys' committee. He is a strong advocate for his clients and specializes in the representation of consumer, commercial and business clients in all aspects of the bankruptcy process.



In 2021, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts awarded Mr. Chenelle the District of Massachusetts Pro Bono Award. He is an active member of the Massachusetts Bar Association; New Hampshire Bar Association; past Co-Chair of the Worcester Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section; a member of the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts; the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA); the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) for which he is a frequent speaker; and has been appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court as a Commissioner in an Attorney Suspension case.

Mr. Chenelle received his BS from Lowell Technological Institute; MBA from UNH, and his JD from the Massachusetts School of Law.

Regina Snow Mandl, Esq., Vice Chair, was appointed to the Board effective March 1, 2017. She is a partner at The Wagner Law Group where she is the head of the Private Clients Group.



Ms. Mandl received her BA, cum laude from New York University where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Ms. Mandl's professional activities include the American Inns of Court, where she served on the Executive Committee and member of the Board of the American Inns of Court Foundation in Washington, D.C., and as past president of the Massachusetts Probate and Family American Inn of Court. She also serves on the Board of the New York University Lawyer Alumni Mentoring Program. Ms. Mandl was a two-term hearing officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers.

Recognitions include Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly Top Women of Law in 2014 and a Massachusetts Go To Trusts and Estates Lawyer for 2021; Who's Who in America; and SuperLawyers.

Steven B. Stein, Esq., Treasurer, was appointed to the Board effective June, 2018. He is the managing counsel of the Travelers Indemnity Company staff counsel offices in Massachusetts and Rhode Island where he concentrates on handling subrogation matters including property, automobile and workers' compensation cases. He is also the National Subrogation Product Line Lead for the staff counsel organization. Prior to becoming managing counsel he served as associate managing counsel, practice group leader and senior counsel. Before joining Travelers, he was employed in private practice at Batty & Stein. Mr. Stein received his B.A. degree in History and Economics from State University of New York at Binghamton in 1979 and his J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1982 where he was involved in the National Trial Competition. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Florida. He served for many years as a Boston Municipal Court Pre-Trial case conference volunteer and is a Massachusetts Bar Association Legal Fee Arbitration Board Arbitrator, and former chair and board member.



Board Members

Gary M. Weiner, Esq., Secretary, was appointed to the Board effective December 26, 2018.



He is the sole shareholder of Weiner Law Firm, P.C. located in Springfield, where his primary area of practice is bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and collections. Mr. Weiner has been on the panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the United States Bankruptcy Court for District of Massachusetts, Western Division since 1997. Mr. Weiner was the recipient of the 2013 *Pro Bono Publico* Award from the Massachusetts Justice Project and Volunteer Lawyer Service. Mr. Weiner is a member of the Commercial Law League of America, Massachusetts Bar Association, Hampden County Bar Association, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and the American Bankruptcy Institute. In the Commercial Law League of America he served on the Board of Governors for over 11 years including as President in 2010-2011 and presently serves on the Finance Board. Mr. Weiner is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and collection topics for bar associations, various clients, and trade organizations. Mr. Weiner received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University in 1983 and his J.D.

degree from Suffolk University in 1986.

David R. Kerrigan, Esq. was appointed to the Board effective December 26, 2018. He is a litigator with the firm Kenney & Sams, P.C. where he represents clients in challenges to state regulations and statutes and in defending and asserting civil rights claims drawing upon his experience as a former Chief of the Government Bureau of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. His administrative law practice includes representing individuals involved with a variety of trades – contractors, plumbers, electricians and engineers - with disputes with professional licensing boards alleging violations of professional conduct standards. As a commercial litigator, he represents clients with construction and employment disputes, employment discrimination claims, breach of lease claims, and franchise disputes. Mr. Kerrigan received a B.A. from Colby College and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law.



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Brian D. Bixby, Esq. was appointed to the Board effective February, 2020. He is a partner at Burns & Levinson LLP, where he served for many years as a Chair of the Private Client Group and as Head of the Fiduciary Litigation Department, as well as a member of the Trusts & Estates and Divorce & Family Law Departments. His practice concentrates on probate court litigation, estate planning, fiduciary administration, family law, guardianship and conservatorship law, and representation of individuals and fiduciaries in matters relating to estates and trusts. Mr. Bixby is an active member of the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, and the Boston Estate Planning Council. He is also involved in the Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum, and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and is a board member in the New England Chapter of the Family Firm Institute. He is a former President of the Massachusetts Family and Probate Inn of Court, and was a U.S. Delegate to the XII International Congress on Family Law, and also received recognition in 2016 as a "Litigation Trailblazer" by the National Law Journal. Mr. Bixby received his A.B. from Brown University and his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.



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Sally R. Gaglini, Esq. was appointed to the Board effective February, 2020. She is the founder of the Gaglini Law Group LLC. Her private practice over a 30-year period has concentrated in probate, fiduciary and family law with emphasis on guardianships and conservatorships in addition to entertainment law with a specialized emphasis on young performers and entities that bind them. She remains a court-certified guardian ad litem, accepting appointments from the courts advancing the needs of children, impaired adults requiring assistance, and also accepting appointments as a fiduciary. Her entertainment practice focuses on transactions in media including licensing and other contracts, with a unique subspecialty in child labor and trust relative to the entertainment industry, bringing Hollywood together with probate and family law.



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An AV-rated attorney, Ms. Gaglini is a past president and active member of the Massachusetts Family & Probate American Inn of Court, also holding memberships with the Massachusetts Bar Association and American Bar Association. In 2014, she was honored by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly as a "Top Women of Law". She proposed and authored, with lawmakers, the inaugural child performer law in Massachusetts. Since 1990, Ms. Gaglini has taught Entertainment Law at Suffolk University Law School, her alma mater. A graduate of Brandeis University where she earned her BA cum laude, she authored *Young Performers at Work: Child Star Survival Guide*. The book was awarded the Silver IPPY by Independent Publisher as Best Adult Non-Fiction Informational E-Book.

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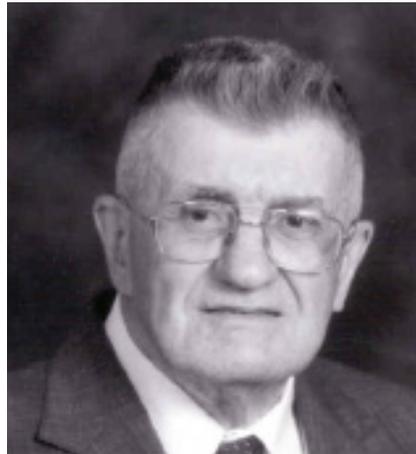
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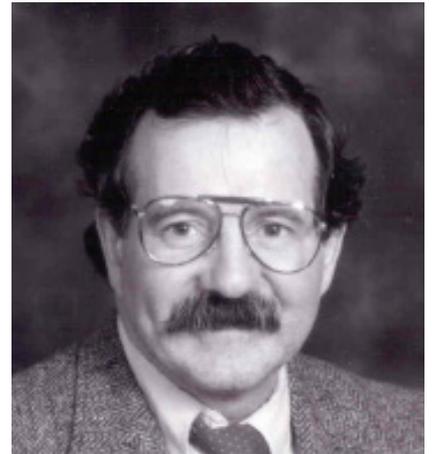
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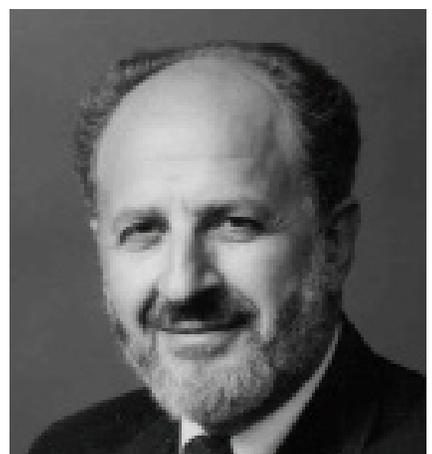
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