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To discharge, as far as practicable and in a reasonable manner, the collective professional responsibility of Massachusetts lawyers for actual losses caused by the theft of client funds or property by Massachusetts lawyers, acting either as attorneys or fiduciaries.

S.J.C. Rule 4:04, § 1.

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CLIENTS' SECURITY BOARD
of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
June 30, 2023

Dear Reader,

Fiscal year 2023 was a seminal year for the Clients' Security Board (CSB). On the cusp of the 50th anniversary of our creation in 1974, the CSB made awards to 44 claimants totaling \$1,749,497.72, up from the \$1,301,098.27 in awards paid to 27 claimants in fiscal year 2022. Ten awards totaling \$97,425.00 were paid to former clients of a Massachusetts immigration lawyer, George C. Maroun, Jr., who had been the subject of a Massachusetts Attorney General consumer protection lawsuit in 2022¹ and was suspended by the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on August 9, 2022. Since 2022, the CSB has been working jointly with the Attorney General's Office and a Commissioner appointed by the SJC to contact the immigrant clients who had been victimized by Mr. Maroun. Because many of these clients do not speak English as a primary language, the CSB engaged a part-time translator to assist claimants with pursuing claims at the CSB. The CSB also established a dedicated telephone line with voice mail messages in Portuguese, Spanish and English, and posted application forms in Portuguese, Spanish and English on the CSB website. The CSB is continuing to receive claims from former clients of Mr. Maroun and is actively investigating twenty-four additional claims at the start of fiscal year 2024.

CSB began fiscal year 2023 with 26 pending claims seeking \$2,653,634.94, and ended the year with 43 pending claims seeking \$2,172,060.01. During fiscal year 2023, the CSB met ten times, including three meetings in person and seven by videoconference. The CSB received 77 new claims, decided 50 claims, made 44 awards, conducted 6 claimant hearings, and dismissed 6 claims. Trusts and Estates was once again the area of practice where most of the reimbursable losses occurred, accounting for 61.52% or \$1,076,266.77 of the total awards paid.

Consistent with prior years, only a very few lawyers (17 or 0.03% of the Commonwealth's 61,758 lawyers) were responsible for all the awards paid from the Clients' Security Fund. Just three lawyers, David M. Thomas, Kevin M. Brill and Abby R. Williams, were responsible for over 75% of the reimbursable losses, totaling more than \$1.3 million. One lawyer, Mr. Maroun, was responsible for the greatest number of awards (10), although the total amount of awards paid due to his conduct (\$97,425.00) was less than that of each of the three lawyers noted above.

In fiscal year 2023, CSB made 20 awards totaling \$99,956.40 to clients of 6 deceased lawyers, and also received 11 new claims (or 14% of all new claims) from clients of lawyers who died. Most of these awards were to compensate clients for unearned fees paid to the lawyers for work that was not performed before their deaths. In the coming fiscal year, the

¹ *Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. George C. Maroun, Jr., et al.*, Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 1881cv00157 (March 18, 2022).

CSB hopes to work with bar associations and other groups to assist lawyers to better prepare their practices for transitions including death so they can leave better records and trusted representatives to assist clients in reclaiming their funds and property after they die.

In September 2022, the CSB welcomed Edward A. Beagan as its new Deputy General Counsel. Ed brings to the CSB team vast experience with criminal investigations as the former Senior Trial Counsel for the Attorney General's White Collar and Public Integrity Division, and Division Chief of the Fraud and Financial Crimes Division. In December 2022, Chair David A. Chenelle and Treasurer Steven A. Stein completed five-year terms on the Board. In January 2023, the Court appointed Lauren F. Olanoff and Tal M. Unrad to serve as Board members with five-year terms ending December 1, 2027. The Court also named Gary M. Weiner as Chair, and Sally R. Gaglini as Vice-Chair. At the same time, Brian D. Bixby was elected Treasurer, and David R. Kerrigan was elected Secretary.

On April 13, 2023, SJC Justice Frank M. Gaziano presented the CSB's William J. LeDoux Award to Attorney Mary M. Howie in recognition for her extraordinary skill and perseverance in assisting her Massachusetts clients recover significant financial losses resulting from the misuse of funds by an attorney who was disbarred in 2019. Through her efforts, an estate where the remainder beneficiary was a special needs trust and also a woman suffering from mental disabilities were awarded a total of \$183,866.00. Attorney Howie was the 15th recipient of the LeDoux award, last presented in 2018. The award presentation was conducted at the Supreme Judicial Court before family members of Attorney Howie, board members, past recipients of the Award and other invited guests including former members of the Clients' Security Board.

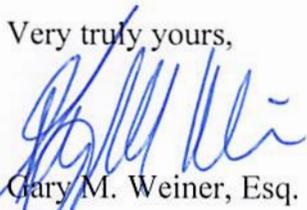
During fiscal year 2023, the CSB interviewed banks that submitted applications to serve as investment managers of the Fund. In September 2022, the CSB voted to continue to engage Citizens Bank as its investment manager. The CSB also solicited applications from attorneys from across the Commonwealth to serve as collection counsel to assist the CSB in pursuing restitution from attorneys or other responsible parties for awards paid to client victims. After conducting interviews, the CSB established a list of attorneys to whom the CSB will refer appropriate cases for collection. The CSB did not enter into any material written contracts in fiscal year 2023.

The CSB is continuing efforts to increase public awareness of the Fund. Staff made presentations to law schools and bar associations and contacted affinity bar associations directly about the mission and work of the CSB. The CSB began discussions with the Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) and Office of Bar Counsel (OBC) about how best to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the three sister organizations in 2024. In May 2023, the CSB engaged The Beacon Agency to begin work on the CSB website and improving CSB's social media presence, which will complement the upcoming 50th anniversary events. The CSB published updates concerning the CSB in each of the BBO's quarterly newsletters sent by email to all licensed Massachusetts lawyers. A Board member attended the 39th ABA National Forum on Client Protection in New Orleans and another Board member and General Counsel plan to attend the National Client Protection Organization (NCPO) Workshop in Des Moines, where

they will network with leaders from other states to discuss client protection strategies. CSB's General Counsel, through her work as Regional Vice President of the NCPO also continues to discuss ways to share outreach resources among client protection programs.

As I conclude my fifth and final year on the Board, I would like to highlight the professionalism and the dedication of the CSB staff, Linda Bauer, General Counsel and Executive Director, Edward Beagan, Deputy General Counsel and Bernice Addonizio, Legal Administrative Specialist. The work which is done by the staff in assisting the claimants and providing background analysis to the Board is so critical to what we do and allows us to be efficient in our meetings. I thank my fellow Board Members for their hard work and many volunteer hours that go beyond the monthly meetings. The Board truly makes a difference in people's lives. Collectively this year we conducted meetings both virtually and in person and this benefitted all involved in the critical mission of the CSB. It has truly been an honor to be part of the Board and to be involved in a process which seeks to provide claimants with a recovery and to hopefully restore their faith in the legal profession.

Very truly yours,



Gary M. Weiner, 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 generally 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 \$59 million to more than 2,500 claimants. In fiscal year 2023, the Board awarded over \$1.7 million to 44 claimants. The 17 disciplined or deceased lawyers responsible for those claims represent less than 0.03% of the 61,758 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 2023 – SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS

Total Awarded	\$1,749,497.72
Claims Adjudicated	50
Total Awards	44
Lawyers Responsible	17 out of 61,758 (0.03%)
Claims Dismissed	6
# Claims Pending, Year-End	43
\$ Claims Pending, Year-End	\$2,172,060.01

BASIS FOR DISMISSED CLAIMS

Category	No. of Claims
No Reimbursable Loss	5
Restitution	1
Total	6

CLAIMS PENDING

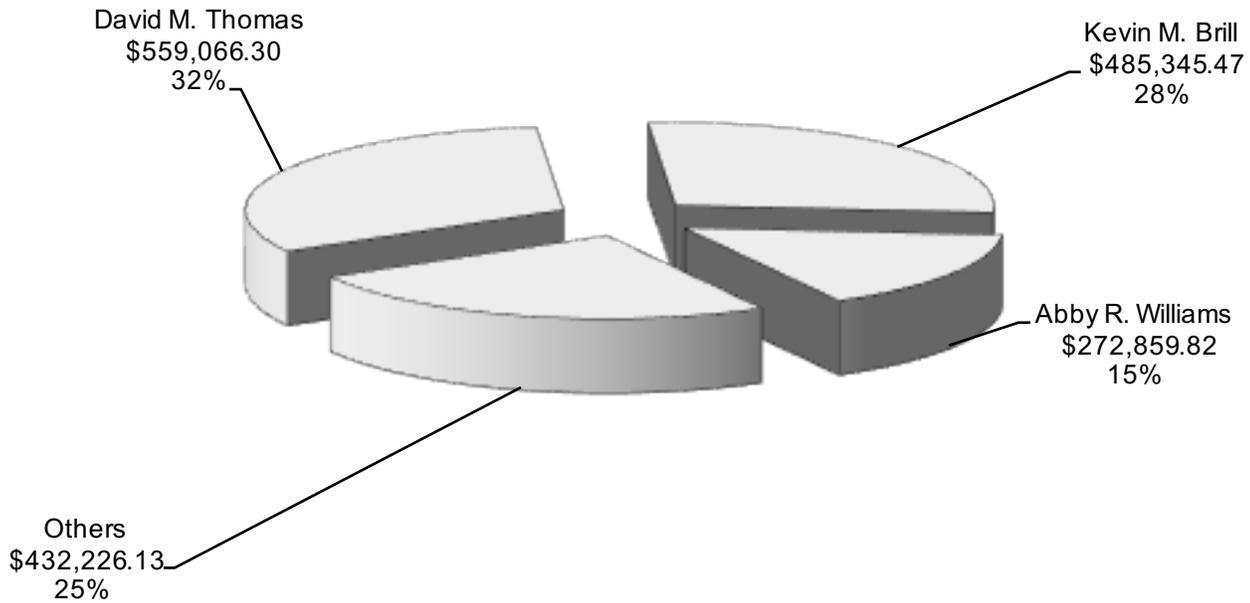
Basis	# of Claims Pending	Total Claims
Fiduciary Funds	3	520,715.28
Investment	2	152,000.00
Personal Injury Settlement	1	\$22,700.00
Real Estate Funds	1	\$139,750.00
Settlement	2	\$70,177.28
Trusts & Estates	3	\$515,397.50
Unearned Retainer	31	\$751,319.95
Total	43	\$2,172,060.01

FY 2023 – LOSSES AND AWARDS BY DISCIPLINED/DECEASED LAWYERS

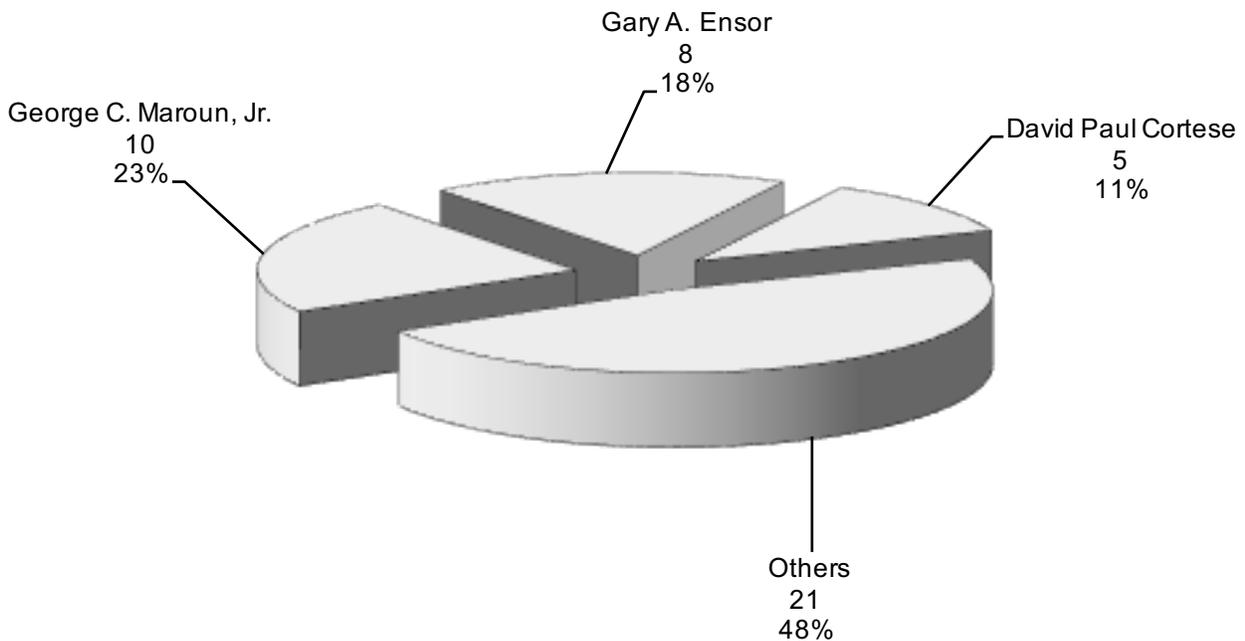
Disciplined/Deceased Lawyer	Town/State	County	No. of Awards	Amount Awarded
David M. Thomas	Norwood, MA	Norfolk	1	\$559,066.30
Kevin M. Brill	Winchester, MA	Middlesex	1	\$485,345.47
Abby R. Williams	Uxbridge, MA	Worcester	3	\$272,859.82
Harland L. Smith	E. Brookfield, MA	Worcester	1	\$151,839.73
George C. Maroun, Jr.	Amherst, NH	Hillsborough	10	\$97,425.00
Paul George Kolesnikovas	Auburn, MA	Worcester	1	\$31,855.00
Gary A. Ensor*	South Hadley, MA	Hampshire	8	\$31,740.00
Daniel Patrick Morrissey	Springfield, MA	Hampden	3	\$24,800.00
David Paul Cortese*	Douglas, MA	Worcester	5	\$21,810.00
Robert Schneiders*	Quincy, MA	Norfolk	3	\$16,375.00
Gail A. Balsler	North Attleboro, MA	Barnstable	1	\$16,350.00
Samuel Goldberg*	Salem, MA	Essex	2	\$15,500.00
James N. Ellis*	Shrewsbury, MA	Worcester	1	\$11,571.40
Daniel M. Kelly	Longmeadow, MA	Hampden	1	\$5,000.00
Timothy Joseph Teehan	Bellingham, MA	Norfolk	1	\$4,000.00
A. Priscilla Angenor*	Boston, MA	Suffolk	1	\$2,960.00
Joseph Lussier	Worcester, MA	Worcester	1	\$1,000.00
TOTAL			44	\$1,749,497.72

*Deceased

FY 2023 Lawyers Causing Largest Reimbursable Losses



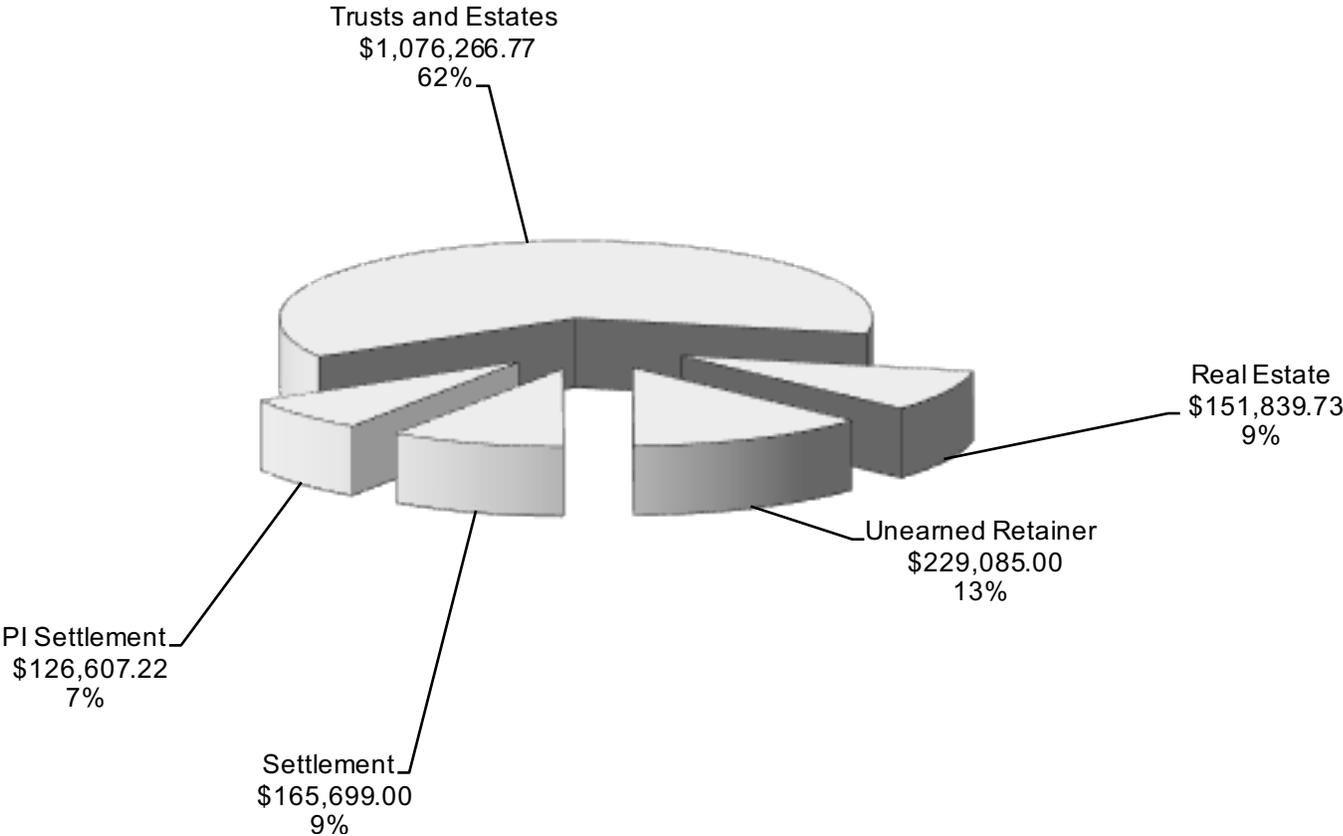
FY 2023 Lawyers Responsible for Most Number of Awards



FY 2023 AWARDS BY CATEGORIES

Category	No. of Awards	% of Total Awards	Total Awarded	% Total \$\$ Awarded	Total Reimbursable Loss	% of Total Reimbursable Loss
Trusts & Estates	3	6.82%	\$1,076,266.77	61.52%	\$1,076,266.77	61.52%
Real Estate	1	2.27%	\$151,839.73	8.68%	\$151,839.73	8.68%
Unearned Retainer	35	79.55%	\$229,085.00	13.09%	\$229,085.00	13.09%
Settlement	4	9.09%	\$165,699.00	9.47%	\$165,699.00	9.47%
Personal Injury Settlement	1	2.27%	\$126,607.22	7.24%	\$126,607.22	7.24%
	44	100.00%	\$1,749,497.72	100.00%	\$1,749,497.72	100.00%

FY 2023 AWARDS BY CATEGORIES



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
Harland L. Smith	1	\$151,839.73	100.00%
Total	1	\$151,839.73	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
George C. Maroun, Jr.	10	\$97,425.00	42.53%
Gary A. Ensor*	8	\$31,740.00	13.86%
Daniel Patrick Morrissey	3	\$24,800.00	10.83%
David Paul Cortese*	5	\$21,810.00	9.52%
Gail A. Balser	1	\$16,350.00	7.14%
Samuel Goldberg*	2	\$15,500.00	6.77%
Robert Schneiders*	2	\$8,500.00	3.71%
Daniel M. Kelly	1	\$5,000.00	2.18%
Timothy Joseph Teehan	1	\$4,000.00	1.75%
A. Priscilla Angenor*	1	\$2,960.00	1.29%
Joseph Lussier	1	\$1,000.00	0.44%
Total	35	\$229,085.00	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
David M. Thomas	1	\$559,066.30	51.94%
Kevin M. Brill	1	\$485,345.47	45.10%
Paul George Kolesnikovas	1	\$31,855.00	2.96%
Total	3	\$1,076,266.77	100.00%

*Deceased

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

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Abby R. Williams	1	\$126,607.22	100.00%
Total	1	\$126,607.22	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
Abby R. Williams	2	\$146,252.60	88.26%
James N. Ellis*	1	\$11,571.40	6.98%
Robert Schneiders*	1	\$7,875.00	4.75%
Total	4	\$165,699.00	100.00%

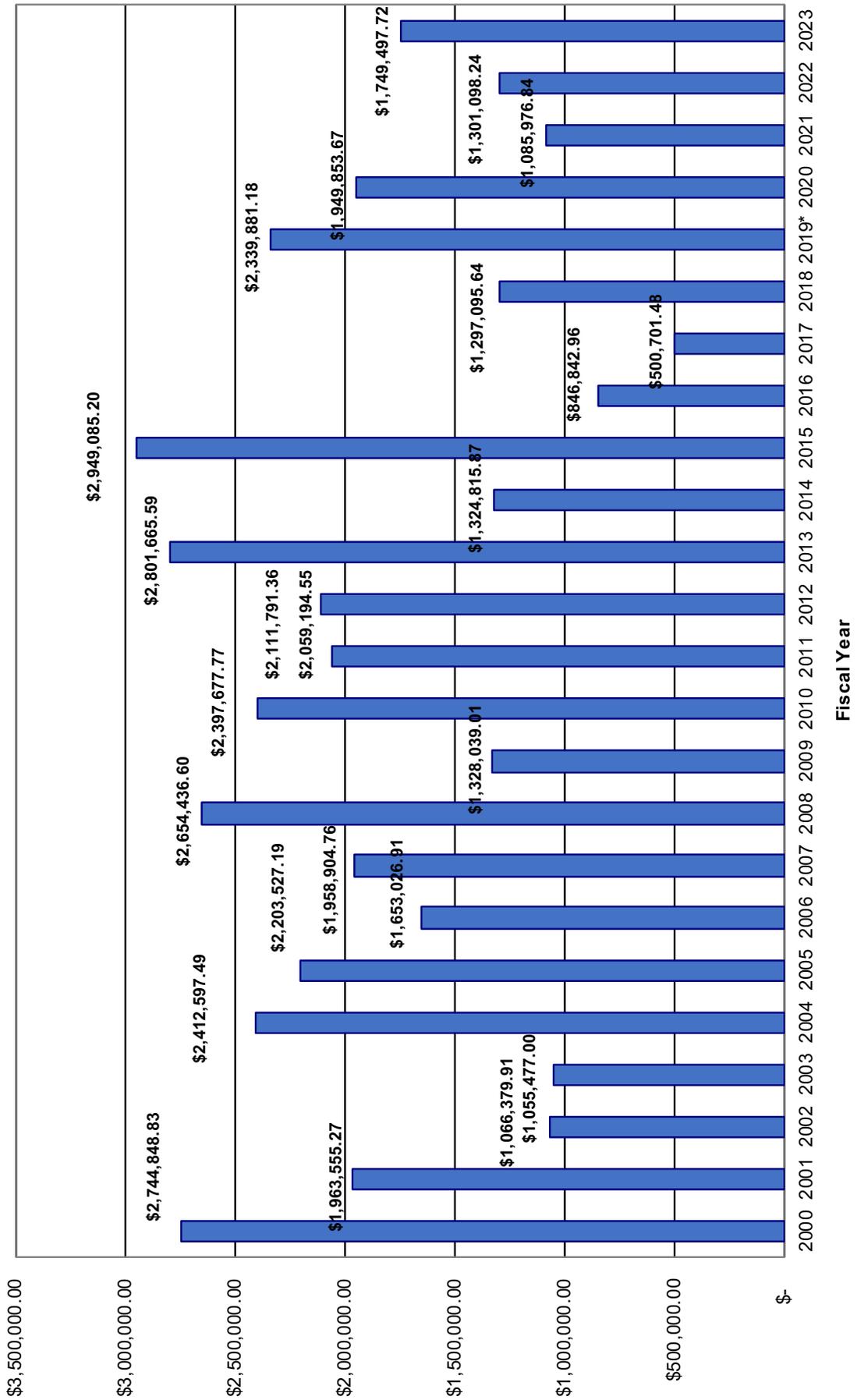
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Claims Activity Chart Fiscal Years 1975-2023

Fiscal Year	Claims Filed	Claims Adjudicated	Claims Dismissed	Awards Made	Total Awards
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
2022	34	30	3	27	\$ 1,301,098.24
2023	66	50	6	44	\$ 1,749,497.72
TOTALS	3634	3605	1062	2543	\$ 59,351,231.01

*Ten-month fiscal year

Awards Paid from 2000-2023



FY 2023 CLAIMANTS' THOUGHTS

“Thank you so much. I have no words to thank you for everything you did for me and my family.”

Claimant message (November 2022)

“ I just received the email from the CSB. They approved it, and we will receive the restitution! Thank you so much. If it weren't for you, we would definitely not have been able to get it. Thank you so much, really.”

Claimant message (January 2023)

“Thank you for the services that you have rendered on our behalf. Our parents' Trust has been perfectly reinstated and protected as a result of your efforts along the way. We appreciate greatly your assistance and professionalism of your Board.”

Claimant message (February 2023)

“The check arrived yesterday, and I want to thank you for everything you did for me. Thank you so much, you helped me a lot.”

Claimant message (April 2023)

“I can't thank you enough for all of your help getting my money back. I know you had to do a lot of work helping me thank you so much.”

Claimant message (May 2023)

“I received the check from the CSB. I would like to thank you...so much for your support and for us. We are very happy to receive this restitution, and I thank you in my name as well as for my wife and family.”

Claimant message (June 2023)

Board Members

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



He is the managing 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. Mr. Weiner presently serves as a member of the Local Rules Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts. 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.

Sally R. Gaglini, Esq., Vice-Chair, 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.

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.

Brian D. Bixby, Esq., Treasurer, 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.

Board Members

David R. Kerrigan, Esq., Secretary, 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.



Judith A. Goldberg, Esq., was appointed to the Board effective January 13, 2022. She is the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Program Integrity in the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General. She has also worked as a litigation associate at McDermott, Will and Emery, Deputy General Counsel in Governor Romney's Legal Office, Deputy General Counsel for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and as in-house counsel at Five Star Quality Care, Inc., a publicly-traded company that manages senior living facilities across the country.



Ms. Goldberg earned a B.A. in psychology and sociology from Boston University, an Ed.M. from Harvard University in counseling processes, and a J.D. from Boston University where she was the managing editor of the Law Review.

Lauren F. Olanoff, Esq., was appointed to the Board effective January 10, 2023. She is a partner at Egan, Flanagan and Cohen, P.C. located in Springfield, where her primary area of practice is civil litigation.



Ms. Olanoff is a member of the board of directors of the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice, Inc.; the Hampden County Bar Association; and the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers Pro Bono Panel. She was selected by her peers in 2021 and 2022 as a Super Lawyers' "Ones to Watch" in commercial litigation.

Ms. Olanoff received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2003 and her juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School in 2007.

Tal Unrad, was appointed to the Board effective January 10, 2023. He is a partner at ArentFox Schiff LLP where he concentrates his practice on commercial transactions including mergers, acquisitions, and distressed transactions. He regularly advises clients regarding corporate structuring and governance. Prior to his admission to the bar, Mr. Unrad worked at Travelers Insurance in its Bond and Surety division.



He is a member of the Boston Bar Association, its Business Transactions and Bankruptcy Sections, the Association for Corporate Growth, American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Turn-around Management Association.

Mr. Unrad received his B.A. degree in International Relations and Political Science from Tufts University and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut.

William J. LeDoux Award Recipients

William J. LeDoux served as a member of the Board from 1987 to 1997, including seven years as Chairman. He distinguished himself by tirelessly advancing the Board's goals of serving the public. In 1997 the Board established this award to recognize a lawyer who has demonstrated extraordinary skill and perseverance in representing a claimant before the Board.



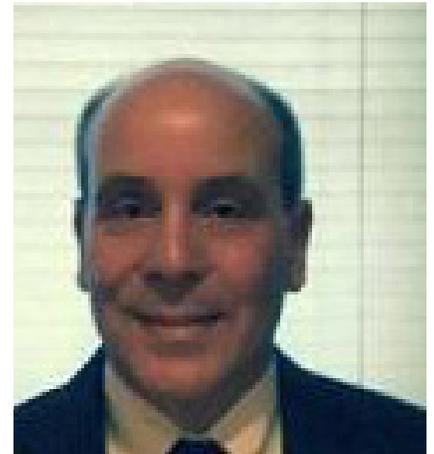
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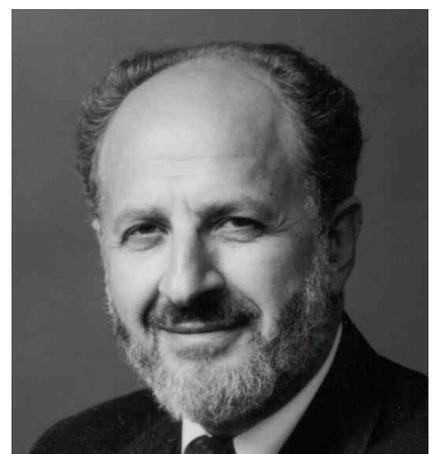
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