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Sandra Huth Grosko, Acting Clerk  
Ohio Judicial Center  
65 South Front Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Michael Troy Watson

Dear Ms. Grosko:

Enclosed please find copies of the Claim Determination Entry for awards made by the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio in the following claims:

<u>CSF CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
06-0073	Daniel B. Pipkins	\$200.00
05-0174	Donna M. Balz	\$1,500.00
05-0096	Bessie L. Benamon	\$2,500.00

These awards arose from the dishonest conduct of Michael Troy Watson. We ask that the information concerning the awards made by the Clients' Security Fund be placed in the attorney's file.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Janet Green Marbley*  
Janet Green Marbley, Administrator  
Clients' Security Fund

JGM/pdl  
Enclosures: as stated

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**CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY**

**In Re Application of Daniel B. Pipkins vs. Michael Troy Watson**  
**Claim Number 06-0073**

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007 on the application of Daniel B. Pipkins alleging a loss in the amount of \$218,850.00, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimant and Michael Troy Watson.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$200.00 on or about June, 2002.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of unearned/unreturned legal fees and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

**DISBARRED on 12/7/2005**

The Commissioners further find that the claimant took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimant; and that said claimant is not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Daniel B. Pipkins is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$200.00.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimant complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

*June 13, 2007*

Date

*June 14, 2007*

Chairman

*Janet Green Marbley*

Secretary

**THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

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PAYMENT OF AWARD

June 27, 2007

Amount of Award      \$200.00

Check No.    625288

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd.      June 21, 2007

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_

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*APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:*

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY**

In Re Application of Donna M. Baltz vs. Michael Troy Watson  
Claim Number 05-0174

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007 on the application of Donna M. Baltz alleging a loss in the amount of \$1,500.00, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimant and Michael Troy Watson.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$1,500 on or about March, 2002.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of unearned/unreturned legal fees and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

**DISBARRED on 12/7/2005**

The Commissioners further find that the claimant took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimant; and that said claimant is not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Donna M. Baltz is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimant complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

Date

Chairman

Secretary

*June 14, 2007*

*Janet Green Marbley*

**THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

*Clients' Security Fund*

PAYMENT OF AWARD

June 27, 2007

Amount of Award    \$1,500.00

Check No.        625289

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd.    June 19, 2007

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY**

**In Re Application of Bessie L. Benamon vs. Michael Troy Watson**  
**Claim Number 05-0096**

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007 on the application of Bessie L. Benamon alleging a loss in the amount of \$2,500.00, caused by dishonest conduct of an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Ohio

The Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio find that:

- a) An attorney client relationship did exist between the claimant and Michael Troy Watson.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$2,500.00 on or about October 28, 2004.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of unearned/unreturned legal fees and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

**DISBARRED on 12/7/2005**

The Commissioners further find that the claimant took affirmative action against the attorney within one year of becoming aware of the loss; and that there is no insurance or bond which will benefit the claimant; and that said claimant is not a spouse, close relative, partner, insurer or bonding company, nor a governmental unit.

Therefore the Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund do hereby determine that the claim of Bessie L. Benamon is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Payment of said amount is conditioned upon claimant complying with the subrogation assignment and other requirements of Sec. 6 of GOV. Rule VIII of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Date

Date

*June 18, 2007*  
*June 11, 2007*

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Secretary

*Janet Green Marbley*

**THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

*Clients' Security Fund*

PAYMENT OF AWARD

June 27, 2007

Amount of Award      \$2,500.00

Check No.              625290

Subrogation/Assignment Executed and Recd.      June 19, 2007

Other Documents Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:**

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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