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January 26, 2010

1998-2216
2007-0768

Kristina Frost, Clerk
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 8th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Richard Ford Smith, Jr.

Dear Ms. Frost:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Claim Determination Entry for award made by the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio in the following claim:

<u>CSF CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
08-0074	David A. Vidovic, Jr.	\$500.00

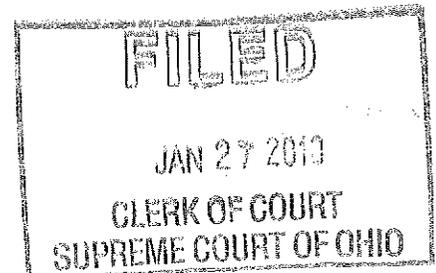
This award arose from the dishonest conduct of Richard Ford Smith, Jr. We ask that the information concerning the award made by the Clients' Security Fund be placed in the attorney's files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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

JGM/pdl
Enclosure(s): as stated



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Thomas J. Moyer
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Chair

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Administrator

CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY

In Re Application of David A. Vidovic, Jr. vs. Richard Ford Smith, Jr.
Claim Number 08-0074

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 4th day of December, 2009 on the application of David A. Vidovic, Jr. alleging a loss in the amount of \$500, 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 Richard Ford Smith, Jr.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$500 on or about March 7, 2008.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of theft of unearned fees, and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

DISBARRED on 8/29/2007

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 David A. Vidovic, Jr. is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$500.

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

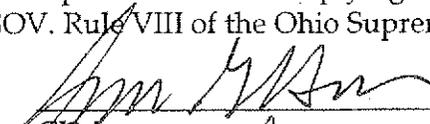
12/14/09

Date

Dec 10, 2009

Chair

Secretary


Janet Green Marbley

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Clients' Security Fund

PAYMENT OF AWARD

December 28, 2009

Amount of Award \$500

Check No. 118168

Subrogation/ Assignment Executed and Recd. December 15, 2009

Other Documents Recd. _____

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APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEE:

Attorney _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Amount Applied for \$ _____ Date _____

Amount Approved \$ _____ Date _____

Check No. _____