

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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April 21, 2010

2009-1144

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

Re: Justin Martus Smith

Dear Ms. Frost:

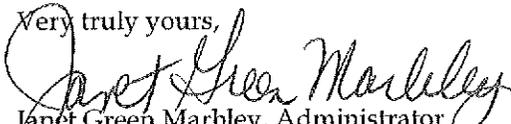
Enclosed please find a copy of the Claim Determination Entry for award made by the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio in the following claim:

<u>CSF CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
06-0075 and 06-0076	Louis and Florence Reiger	\$7,378.46

This award arose from the dishonest conduct of Justin Martus Smith. 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, Administrator  
Clients' Security Fund

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Enclosure(s): as stated

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**CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY**

In Re Application of Louis and Florence Reiger v. Justin Martus Smith  
Claim Numbers 06-0075 and 06-0076

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010 on the application of Louis and Florence Reiger alleging a loss in the amount of \$100,000, 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 claimants and Justin Martus Smith.
- b) The claimants suffered a loss of \$7,378.46 on or about September, 2004.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of retention of an illegal fee, and that the following disciplinary proceedings were taken:

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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 Louis and Florence Reiger is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$7,378.46.

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

March 12 2010  
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Date  
March 10, 2010  
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Date

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Chair  
Janet Green Marbley  
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Secretary