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

Re: Dea Lynn Character

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>
07-0212	Rhonda S. Freeman	\$11,982

This award arose from the dishonest conduct of Dea Lynn Character. We ask that the information concerning the award 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, Administrator
Clients' Security Fund

JGM/pdl
Enclosure(s): as stated

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CLAIM DETERMINATION ENTRY

In Re Application of Rhonda S. Freeman v. Dea Lynn Character
Claim Number 07-0212

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the Clients' Security Fund this 2nd day of March 2012 on the application of Rhonda S. Freeman alleging a loss in the amount of \$24000, 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 Dea Lynn Character.
- b) The claimant suffered a loss of \$11,982 on or about December 20, 2006.

The Commissioners further find that the dishonest conduct consisted of theft by deception, 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 Rhonda S. Freeman is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$11,982.

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.

Date

3-9-12

Date

March 7, 2012

Chair

Secretary



Janet Green Marbley

Secretary