

## A few words from claimants:

*"I thank and respect the lawyers that support this program along with your committee...keep up the good work."*

*"The silver lining comes in the actions of the Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection in recognizing the wrong and providing me with a settlement. I would like to thank you for all of your help and all of the people on the committee for their decision."*

*"I want to express the deep gratitude I feel, and thank you for the information you provided, the time you spent on my case, the caring expressed, and the efficiency in providing the forms and information needed. I feel so relieved and happy."*

*"Thank the committee for resolving the situation for me. My confidence in the legal profession is restored."*

## Questions?

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**If you lost money  
due to lawyer  
misconduct, we  
can help.**



**The Wisconsin Lawyers'  
Fund for Client  
Protection**

# If you lost money through the dishonest conduct of a Wisconsin lawyer, there's still hope.

It can be quite a shock when you entrust money or property to a lawyer and it disappears. That violation of trust can make you feel helpless. But there may be a way to get you back on your feet.

If you have suffered financial loss due to the dishonest conduct of your attorney, you can file a claim with the Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

## About the Fund

The Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection was established in 1981 by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The fund is financed by an annual assessment of Wisconsin-licensed lawyers. Lawyers know that their profession depends on trust, and when a few lawyers betray that trust, it's important that victims be fairly compensated.

## What kind of losses are considered?

The Fund covers most situations in which a Wisconsin lawyer embezzles money or property entrusted to them in an attorney-client relationship, including:

- Administering a trust fund
- Settling an estate
- Fees paid in advance for representation.



## What kind of losses are not considered?

The Fund can't reimburse losses where:

- You might be unhappy with the way a case turned out
- You face extra fines or court costs
- You didn't like your lawyer
- Your loss can be repaid by the lawyer or insurance

## What are the limits on the payment of claims?

The following table shows the maximum amounts that may be recovered from the Fund:

<b>Date dishonest conduct occurred</b>	<b>Maximum recoverable</b>
July 1, 1996 to Aug. 17, 2009 .....	\$75,000
August 18, 2009 or later.....	\$150,000

## What happens when I file a claim?

Claims are reviewed and reimbursements are determined by the Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee, which consists of five lawyers and two non-lawyers. The Committee meets three times each year to review claim applications. Claim decisions are usually made within four to six months after an application has been filed. If your claim is denied, you'll be informed of the reasons.

## How do I file a claim?

A person may request a claim application form in writing, by telephone, or by using the State Bar of Wisconsin website. The completed claim form must be signed by the claimant and the claimant's signature must be notarized. There is no filing fee.

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The review of your claim will not begin until your completed application form is received. Please send your completed application form to the above address. You will not have to appear in Madison to prove your claim.

# The Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection