

CLIENTS' SECURITY BOARD of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL 2009



Kathryn A. O'Leary, Esq., Chair

Kathryn A. O'Leary, appointed to the Board in December 2004, is a trial attorney with the Worcester firm of Gould & Ettenberg, P.C. She currently co-chairs the Labor and Employment Section of the Worcester County Bar Association. Her past volunteer activities include the Suffolk and Middlesex County Bench/Bar Committees, the First Circuit Gender and Ethnic Bias Study, acting as Chair of the Concord Recreation Commission, and lecturing frequently at continuing legal education programs on employment law and trial preparation. Ms. O'Leary is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk Law School.

August 31, 2009

Dear Reader:

2009 was a very busy year! The Board had a high volume of claims in lower dollar amounts. Compared to 2008, the Board decided 30% more claims and made more awards. Yet, the dollar amount of those awards was half the total made in 2008.

Trusts and estates continued its unfortunate legacy as the practice area with the single highest award and the largest share of total annual awards by practice area. Implementing measures to curtail these thefts bears looking into.

As you review the tallies for the year on page 2, please note the \$5.8M plunge in "claims pending." This is due to the final disposition of all claims related to disbarred lawyer Morris Goldings. These claims were actively before the Board for more than six years. However, the awards were not paid for several years because of the complicated bankruptcy of Goldings' former law firm. In December 2008, with bankruptcy proceedings over, the awards were paid to six former Goldings clients. I would like to recognize the Board's staff counsel and several present and former Board members for their astute recommendations regarding the handling of these awards as my personal opinion is that their careful, analytic approach saved the lawyers of Massachusetts thousands of dollars.

Claims arising from theft by attorneys practicing in multiple jurisdictions continue to come before the Board. In each of the last five years, the Board has decided at least one claim involving a Massachusetts attorney whose defalcation was committed outside of the Commonwealth. My personal belief is that the Board will see increases in this sort of claim as technology allows members of our profession to be more mobile. Multijurisdictional claims lead to the review of other states' client protection funds. To its credit, Massachusetts is one of the most generous states when it comes to reimbursing clients because awards are not subject to specific dollar limits per claim or per disciplined lawyer.

2009 was also notable for taking the Board "on the road." Because its jurisdiction is state-wide, the Board decided to hold hearings outside of Boston. We conducted our July session in the Southern New England School of Law in North Dartmouth where we heard an incredibly touching victim impact statement that might not have been delivered in the same way had the victim been in the more formal setting of our boardroom. We also had the good fortune to meet with the executive leadership team of the Bristol County Bar Association.

2009 marked the second full year that the Payee Notification Rule was in effect. Announced by Insurance Commissioner Nonnie Burns in December of 2007; the rule requires insurers that pay a claim settlement of \$5,000 or more to notify individual claimants that payment was issued to their attorneys or other personal representatives. We are asked often whether the rule has reduced claims. It is too early to tell. Before a claim may come before the Board the attorney accused of the theft must have been suspended or disbarred. The disciplinary process for lawyers who may have misappropriated funds before the Payee Notification

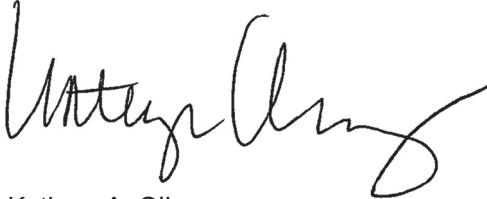
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Rule took effect is still ongoing. In addition, defalcations committed shortly before the rule went into effect may not yet have been discovered. The amounts awarded in 2009 for stolen personal injury settlements were almost identical to 2008. My successors will have to report to you on this in future years.

This report marks the Clients' Security Board's 35th year of operation. It has awarded more than \$34.6M to victims of lawyer misappropriation during that time. That's roughly \$1M per year; a figure probably inconceivable to the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court who created the Board in September of 1974. All Massachusetts lawyers should be proud of this tangible demonstration of professional responsibility.

Very truly yours,



Kathryn A. O'Leary

FY09 - BY THE NUMBERS	
Total awarded	\$1,328,039 - ↓50% from last year
Claims decided	116 - ↑30% from last year (4th highest ever)
Total awards	83 - ↑22% from last year (4th highest ever)
Ten largest awards	\$920,816.00 - 69.34% of the total
Next 73 awards	\$407,223.00 - 30.7% of the total
Largest single award	\$243,498.00
Smallest single award	\$375.00
Lawyers responsible	33 out of 53,071 (00.06%)
Claims pending, year-end	105 - ↓12% from 119 last year
Value of claims pending, year-end	\$4.0 million - ↓59.2% from \$9.8 last year

35 YEARS – BY THE NUMBERS	
Total awarded	\$34,636,052.00
The beneficiaries	1,686 injured clients
The benefactors	The lawyers of Massachusetts
NO PUBLIC FUNDS WERE USED	

STAFF

MICHAEL A. FREDRICKSON, Board Counsel
 KAREN D. O'TOOLE, Assistant Board Counsel
 ADAM M. LUTYNSKI, Assistant Board Counsel

Information on Filing a Claim for Reimbursement can be found at:

- ▶ www.mass.gov/clientssecurityboard
- ▶ **Clients' Security Board, 2nd Floor, 99 High Street, Boston, MA 02110**
- ▶ **TELEPHONE: 617-728-8700; FAX: 617-482-8000**

CLAIMS ACTIVITY CHART 1975-2009

Fiscal Year	Claims Filed	Claims Adjudicated	Cases Dismissed	Awards Made	Award Amounts
1975	14	7	2	5	\$2,808.00
1976	36	28	18	10	\$44,635.00
1977	21	18	13	5	\$22,100.80
1978	71	34	14	20	\$64,734.00
1979	53	39	29	10	\$14,490.00
1980	126	60	38	22	\$71,208.00
1981	42	126	61	65	\$244,276.18
1982	30	29	9	20	\$80,212.00
1983	35	40	7	33	\$152,005.00
1984	45	42	17	25	\$141,125.67
1985	46	34	12	22	\$224,904.17
1986	23	38	7	31	\$214,810.75
1987	42	35	12	22	\$503,776.00
1988	28	24	13	11	\$267,954.24
1989	51	40	16	24	\$146,720.06
1990	74	73	18	55	\$759,025.23
1991	71	55	20	35	\$624,592.42
1992	124	85	16	69	\$968,894.77
1993	146	95	22	73	\$1,111,181.93
1994	109	157	27	130	\$1,203,911.62
1995	90	103	35	68	\$1,602,217.70
1996	139	100	33	67	\$1,696,870.13
1997	81	113	30	83	\$2,058,900.92
1998	119	102	46	56	\$1,254,229.91
1999	80	98	32	66	\$2,119,675.47
2000	83	108	22	86	\$2,744,848.83
2001	119	70	15	55	\$1,963,555.27
2002	82	94	25	69	\$1,066,379.91
2003	116	56	11	45	\$1,055,477.00
2004	90	159	58	99	\$2,412,597.49
2005	81	81	26	55	\$2,203,527.19
2006	91	93	51	42	\$1,653,026.91
2007	77	88	31	57	\$1,958,904.76
2008	108	89	21	68	\$2,654,436.60
2009	95	116	33	83	\$1,328,039.01
TOTAL				1686	\$34,636,052.94

Thank you for all of your help with my motor vehicle accident settlement. None of this would have been possible without you! (CSB 2008-98)

... It was a pleasure working with you and the Board and [my client's] reaction was something to the effect "the system Does work." On behalf of [my client] as well as myself as a practicing attorney, please pass along our deepest thanks to the Board which they probably don't hear enough. It's a good feeling to know when I write my annual registration check every year that a portion of the payment goes to people like [my client] (Attorney for claimant CSB-2008-88)

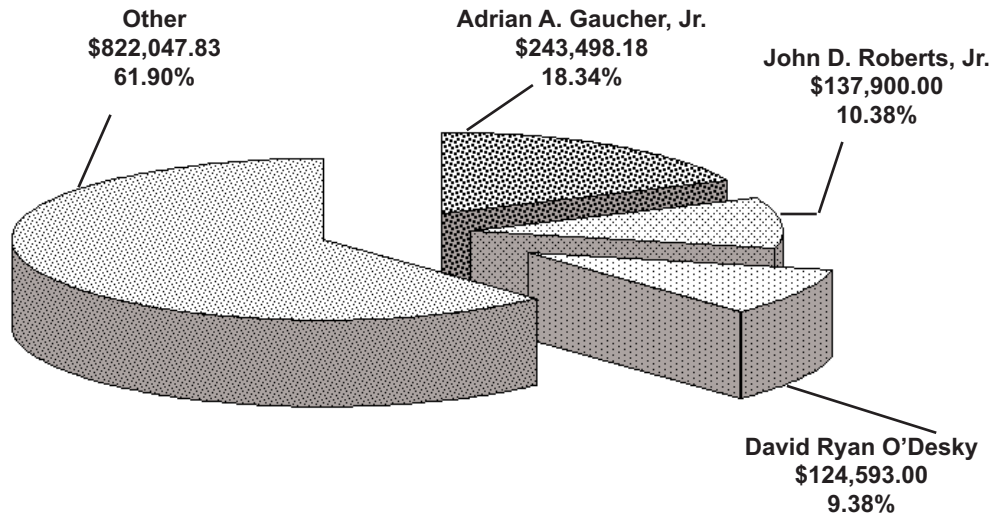
DEFALCATIONS AND AWARDS BY DISCIPLINED LAWYER

Disciplined Lawyer	Town	County	No. of Awards	Amount Awarded	Defalcation Amounts
Adrian A. Gaucher, Jr.	Southbridge	Worcester	1	\$243,498.18	\$243,498.18
John D. Roberts, Jr.	Dennis	Barnstable	1	\$137,900.00	\$137,900.00
David Ryan O'Desky	Springfield	Hampden	7	\$124,593.00	\$124,593.00
James S. Gregson	Wakefield	Middlesex	3	\$112,800.00	\$112,800.00
Kevin F. Carey	Medford	Middlesex	1	\$110,539.85	\$110,539.85
Bruce L. Namenson	North Walpole	Norfolk	4	\$82,183.34	\$82,183.34
Stuart Hartley Sojcher	Boston	Suffolk	1	\$79,499.53	\$79,499.53
Jeffrey S. Lambert ¹	Boston	Suffolk	1	\$61,525.00	\$61,525.00
Morris M. Goldings	Chestnut Hill	Middlesex	5	\$59,404.11	\$59,404.11
Lewdorsey Williams	Malden	Middlesex	1	\$37,100.00	\$37,100.00
Stafford Sheehan	Fall River	Bristol	2	\$30,084.55	\$30,084.55
Lawrence Rizman	Brookline	Norfolk	3	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00
Ronald Gary Pinson	Dorchester	Suffolk	9	\$29,056.36	\$29,056.36
Theodore Scott Geller	Worcester	Worcester	5	\$24,890.29	\$24,890.29
Irwin Kwiat	Worcester	Worcester	2	\$22,740.00	\$22,740.00
Steven L. Winniman ¹	Springfield	Hampden	7	\$21,398.00	\$21,398.00
Donald H. Jackson, Jr.	Norwell	Plymouth	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Gale Rosalyn Johnson	Lynn	Essex	1	\$14,600.00	\$14,600.00
Raymond A. Desautels	Oxford	Worcester	9	\$11,084.00	\$11,084.00
Gerard E. Battista, Jr.	Norwell	Plymouth	3	\$11,065.42	\$11,065.42
Charles R. Phillips	Whitman	Plymouth	1	\$10,666.87	\$10,666.87
James Russell Hodgdon	Norwell	Plymouth	4	\$10,110.00	\$10,110.00
Walter E. Steele, Jr.	Boston	Suffolk	1	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Richard William Kelly	Weymouth	Norfolk	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Anthony Raoul Bott	E. Harwich	Barnstable	1	\$7,809.37	\$7,809.37
Berton D. Reed	Melrose	Middlesex	1	\$7,667.00	\$7,667.00
Alan Mason	Princeton	Worcester	1	\$3,624.14	\$3,624.14
J. Michael Freedberg	Salem	Essex	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Terrence E. Burke	Melrose	Middlesex	1	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Wild Chang ²	Boston	Suffolk	1	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
James C. Dragon	Lowell	Middlesex	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Steven L. Ostrovitz	Framingham	Middlesex	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Michael L. Howard	Burlington	Middlesex	1	\$700.00	\$700.00
TOTAL			83	\$1,328,039.01	\$1,328,039.01
¹ Deceased					
² Mr. Chang practiced in Boston from 1989 to 1990 and then moved to California.					

**SUMMARIES OF CLAIMS DECIDED IN FISCAL 2009 APPEAR ON OUR WEB SITE AT
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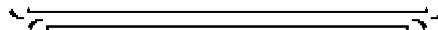
I want to thank you and all the members of the Clients' Security Board for granting me an award. My family's faith in the legal system has been restored. These funds will greatly help me and the members of my family at this time. I also want to personally thank you for all your hard work on my behalf. I can finally get closure in a very difficult time in my life and move on with financial stability. Once again, thank you. (CSB 2008-4)

LAWYERS WITH HIGHEST DEFALCATIONS



AWARDS BY CATEGORIES

Category	No. of Awards	% of Total Awards	Total Awarded	% Total \$\$ Awarded	Total Defalcation	% of Total Defalcation
Trusts & Estates	8	9.64%	\$463,726.77	34.92%	\$463,726.77	34.92%
Unearned Retainer	42	50.60%	\$281,177.00	21.17%	\$281,177.00	21.17%
Real Estate	4	4.82%	\$234,204.80	17.64%	\$234,204.80	17.64%
Fiduciary	7	8.43%	\$140,309.03	10.57%	\$140,309.03	10.57%
Personal Injury Settlement	15	18.07%	\$135,347.07	10.19%	\$135,347.07	10.19%
Settlement	5	6.02%	\$70,274.34	5.29%	\$70,274.34	5.29%
Bankruptcy	2	2.41%	\$3,000.00	0.23%	\$3,000.00	0.23%
Total	83	100.00%	\$1,328,039.01	100.00%	\$1,328,039.01	100.00%



PRO BONO LAWYERS: The Board is pleased to publicly acknowledge and thank the following lawyers who generously contributed their time and talents during FY 2009 to represent claimants before the Board for which service, by Court Rule, they may not receive compensation.

STEPHANIE L. MOON, ANDOVER, MA
 JOHN BITA, BOSTON, MA
 DAVID DUNCAN, BOSTON, MA
 LEONARD A. FRISOLI, CAMBRIDGE, MA
 BRIAN J. GUNNING, DORCHESTER, MA
 MICHAEL D. KENDALL, BOSTON, MA
 CHRISTINE CEDRONE LOGAN, QUINCY, MA
 LAZAR LOWINGER, NEWTON, MA
 MITCHELL T. ALLEN, SPRINGFIELD, MA

WILLIAM R. DIMENTO, SWAMPSCOTT, MA
 FRANCIS A. FITZPATRICK, JR., NORWOOD, MA
 GILBERT A. HOY, JR., ALLSTON, MA
 PHILIP B. KRAFT, CHELSEA, MA
 RENEAU LONGORIA, BEVERLY, MA
 RICHARD MICHAUD, BOSTON, MA
 THOMAS V. MURRAY, JR., WORCESTER, MA
 JOHN T. PLOUFFE, BRIDGEWATER, MA
 STUART W. RAPP, OSTERVILLE, MA

PHILIP STONE, WORCESTER, MA
 JOHN F. TOCCI, BOSTON, MA
 STEPHANIE L. WOODS, SPRINGFIELD, MA
 EZENWG L. NWOGU, DORCHESTER, MA
 KEVIN P. PHILLIPS, MARSHFIELD, MA
 DAVID G. PRENTISS, NEW BEDFORD, MA
 WILLIAM E. SCANNELL, PLYMOUTH, MA
 DAN N. TRAN, DORCHESTER, MA

Thank you so much for your decision regarding the hearing for my mother on July 16, 2009. It was the start for a turnaround for myself and my family. (CSB-2009-41)

TRUSTS AND ESTATES: THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS, INTENDED FOR THE HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES OR A TRUST, BY AN ATTORNEY SERVING AS TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OR COUNSEL TO THE EXECUTOR OR TRUSTEE

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Adrian A. Gaucher, Jr.	1	\$243,498.18	52.51%
John D. Roberts, Jr.	1	\$137,900.00	29.74%
Morris M. Goldings	2	\$37,219.22	8.03%
Stafford Sheehan	1	\$19,109.37	4.12%
Donald H. Jackson, Jr.	1	\$15,000.00	3.23%
Richard William Kelly	1	\$8,000.00	1.73%
Gerard E. Battista	1	\$3,000.00	0.65%
Total	8	\$463,726.77	100.00%

UNEARNED RETAINER: CLIENT MONEY ACCEPTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO FAILED TO PERFORM THE AGREED UPON LEGAL SERVICE. THESE CLAIMS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH FEE DISPUTES OR MALPRACTICE CLAIMS WHERE AN ATTORNEY NEGLIGENTLY PERFORMS LEGAL SERVICES CAUSING FINANCIAL LOSS TO A CLIENT.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
David Ryan O'Desky	7	\$124,593.00	44.31%
Jeffrey S. Lambert	1	\$61,525.00	21.88%
Irwin Kwiat	2	\$22,740.00	8.09%
Gale Rosalyn Johnson	1	\$14,600.00	5.19%
Steven L. Winniman	6	\$10,100.00	3.59%
Raymond Desautels	8	\$9,084.00	3.23%
Walter Steele, Jr.	1	\$8,500.00	3.02%
Lawrence Rizman	2	\$7,500.00	2.67%
Theodore Scott Geller	4	\$5,925.00	2.11%
James Russell Hodgdon	3	\$4,110.00	1.46%
Wild Chang	1	\$2,600.00	0.92%
Terrence E. Burke	1	\$2,600.00	0.92%
James C. Dragon	1	\$2,000.00	0.71%
James S. Gregson	1	\$1,800.00	0.64%
Steven L. Ostrovitz	1	\$1,800.00	0.64%
Bruce L. Namenson	1	\$1,000.00	0.36%
Michael L. Howard	1	\$700.00	0.25%
Total	42	\$281,177.00	100.00%

REAL ESTATE: MISAPPROPRIATION OF DEPOSITS, ESCROWS, PURCHASE MONEY OR SALE PROCEEDS IN PURCHASE AND SALE TRANSACTIONS.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Kevin F. Carey	1	\$110,539.85	47.20%
Stuart H. Sojcher	1	\$79,499.53	33.94%
Lewdorsey Williams	1	\$37,100.00	15.84%
Gerard E. Battista, Jr.	1	\$7,065.42	3.02%
Total	4	\$234,204.80	100.00%

FIDUCIARY: THE MISUSE OF FUNDS HELD BY AN ATTORNEY ACTING AS A FIDUCIARY WHERE THERE IS AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP.

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
James S. Gregson	2	\$111,000.00	79.11%
Morris M. Goldings	3	\$22,184.89	15.81%
Alan Mason	1	\$3,624.14	2.58%
J. Michael Freedberg	1	\$3,500.00	2.49%
Total	7	\$140,309.03	100.00%

PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT: MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY MATTERS

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Bruce L. Namenson	3	\$81,183.34	59.98%
Ronald Gary Pinson	9	\$29,056.36	21.47%
Steven L. Winniman	1	\$11,298.00	8.35%
Anthony Raoul Bott	1	\$7,809.37	5.77%
James Russell Hodgdon	1	\$6,000.00	4.43%
Total	15	\$135,347.07	100.00%

SETTLEMENT: MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION MATTERS

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Lawrence Rizman	1	\$22,000.00	31.31%
Theodore Scott Geller	1	\$18,965.29	26.99%
Stafford Sheehan	1	\$10,975.18	15.62%
Charles R. Phillips	1	\$10,666.87	15.18%
Berton Reed	1	\$7,667.00	10.91%
Total	5	\$70,274.34	100.00%

BANKRUPTCY: MISAPPROPRIATION OF CLIENT FUNDS INTENDED AS PAYMENTS TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR TO CREDITORS

Disciplined Lawyer	No. of Awards	Total Awards	% of Total Awarded
Raymond Desautels	1	\$2,000.00	66.67%
Gerard E. Battista, Jr.	1	\$1,000.00	33.33%
Total	2	\$3,000.00	100.00%

RESTITUTION	Category	Amount Collected
	Court Ordered	\$44,138.61
	CSB Activity	\$256,328.09
	Voluntary	\$3,625.00
	Other	\$29,856.36
	Total	\$333,948.06

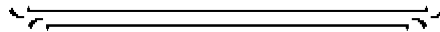
Thanks for all you help.. I met with [my client] yesterday and she said she'll be able to sleep now! We rarely see happy victims - thanks (Social Worker of claimant CSB-2008-67)

Category	No. of Claims	% of Total Dismissed	Amount \$\$ Claimed	% of Total \$\$ Dismissed
No Defalcation	14	42.42%	\$784,059.00	23.68%
Insufficient Data	6	18.18%	\$683,901.00	20.66%
No Attorney-Client Relationship	5	15.15%	\$1,332,001.00	40.24%
Restitution	3	9.09%	\$9,460.45	0.29%
Third-Party Settlement	3	9.09%	\$484,500.00	14.64%
Voluntary Withdrawal	1	3.03%	\$13,000.00	0.39%
Fee Dispute	1	3.03%	\$3,500.00	0.11%
Total	33	100.00%	\$3,310,421.45	100.00%

BASIS FOR DISMISSED CLAIMS

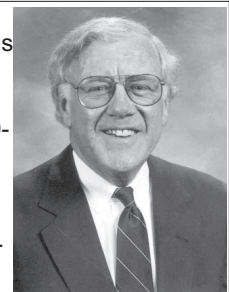
Basis	# of Claims Pending	% of Total Claims Pending	\$\$Total Claims	% of Total \$\$ in Pending Claims
Fiduciary	10	9.43%	\$710,067.07	17.87%
Real Estate	10	9.43%	\$1,593,454.78	40.11%
Settlement	6	5.66%	\$105,532.08	2.66%
Personal Injury Settlements	12	11.32%	\$220,289.07	5.55%
Trusts & Estates	10	9.43%	\$948,557.68	23.88%
Unearned Retainer	57	53.77%	\$384,648.32	9.68%
Tax	1	0.94%	\$10,000.00	0.25%
Total	106	100.00%	\$3,972,549.00	100.00%

CLAIMS PENDING

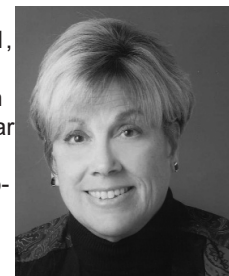


BOARD MEMBERS PROFILES

Charles W. Goddard, Esq., Vice Chair, was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2007. He has been a partner in the firm of Goddard, Scuteri & Delaney in Salem, MA, since 1991 where his practice concentrates on civil litigation in all courts of the Commonwealth. Mr. Goddard has served as President of the Essex County Bar Association (1990-1992); as Conciliator in the Superior Court since 1988; as a member of the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Nominations (1989-1991); and on the Judicial Nominating Council (1991-1993). He has served as Chairman of the Board of Selectman of the Town of Manchester (1970-1972) and as Town Counsel, Manchester, MA (1976-1988). Mr. Goddard is a graduate of Boston College (A.B., 1960) and Boston University School of Law (1963) and was admitted in 1964 to both the Massachusetts Bar and the Federal Bar.



Pamela Jeanne Koehr, Esq., Secretary/Treasurer, was appointed to the Board on December 1, 2004. She serves as the Attorney General's designee on the Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds. Prior to her present position, she managed a general law practice in Lexington for 15 years. From 1997 until 2004, she served as a hearing officer for the Board of Bar Overseers. Ms. Koehr received her undergraduate degree from Chaminade University (Hawaii) and her J.D. from New England School of Law. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Middlesex County Bar Advocates and also serves as a trial advisor to the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School.



Thomas O. Bean, Esq. was appointed to the Board on November 1, 2005. He is a partner in the firm of McDermott, Will & Emery LLP where he focuses his practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. From 1992 through 1998, he served as a Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General in the Government Bureau. He co-chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the Boston Bar Association from 2002 to 2004. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy topics.



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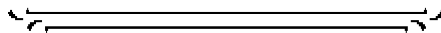
Denzil D. McKenzie, Esq. was appointed to the Board on December 17, 2007. He is the managing director/founder of McKenzie & Associates, specialists in civil litigation, estate planning, probate, business law and non-profits. He was a member of the Chapter 180 Task Force of the Boston Bar Association reviewing the General Laws of Massachusetts relating to non-profit organizations, and a former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General. He is active on the boards of the Community Impact Committee of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, the Center for Urban Ministerial Education of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, the Massachusetts Family and Probate American Inn of Court, and serves on the Executive Council of Boston University Law School Alumni Association. He lectures for MCLE and Suffolk University's Advanced Legal Studies program. He is a graduate of BU School of Law and studied tax law in the Boston University Graduate Tax Program.



John J. Egan, Esq. was appointed to the Board on December 17, 2007. He is a partner in the Springfield firm of Egan, Flanagan and Cohen, P.C. He concentrates his practice in civil litigation. A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Boston College Law School, he was admitted to the Bar in 1969. He served as a trial attorney for the Massachusetts Defenders Committee, as an Assistant District Attorney, and as an Assistant Attorney General. He has taught at Western New England Law School and served as an associate editor of the Massachusetts Law Review. He has lectured and written for numerous continuing legal education programs on trial practice in the Massachusetts State and Federal Courts. In 1995, he was invited to Fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and for five years served as a member of its State Committee.



Edward S. Cheng, Esq. was appointed to the Board on December 1, 2008. He is a partner in the firm of Sherin and Lodgen LLP where he is co-chair of the Professional Liability Group. He specializes in complex commercial disputes, professional malpractice cases, insurance coverage disputes and real estate litigation. Mr. Cheng serves on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability, as a Hearing Officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, as Co-chair of the Administration of Justice Section of the Boston Bar Association and as treasurer of the Asian-American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts. Prior to his present position, he was with the law firm of Hill & Barlow. Mr. Cheng is a graduate of Princeton University and Boston College Law School, magna cum laude.



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