

NATIONAL CLIENT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION, INC.

MID-WEST REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Friday, October 15, 1999

Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission
one Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Drive Suite 1100
Chicago, Illinois

- 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 Welcoming Remarks
- 9:45 Difficult Claims
Discussion of a variety of issues that pose recurring and thorny problems for Funds, with a special emphasis on dealing with unearned fee claims
Investment claims and the "but for" test
Loans to lawyers
Excluding categories of claims and claimants
Lawyers on "inactive" status
Impact of disciplinary rules and decisions
Unearned fees:
Defining the dishonest conduct
Valuing services that have been provided
Identifying fee disputes
Fees received by suspended or disbarred lawyers
- 11:46 Third Party Liens
When is it appropriate to honor a non-client's interest in misappropriated funds?
Dealing with government liens, medical liens, creditor claims.
- 12:30 LUNCH- Plaza Club, Lake Shore Room, 40th Floor Prudential Plaza
- 1:45 Media Relations/Public Outreach
Dealing successfully with the media; spreading the word about your Fund
Preparing an effective press release
Dealing with reporters
A web site for your Fund
Consumer education, its impact on your Fund
- 2:45 Policy Potpourri
Discussion of policy issues faced by Funds; striving for consistency tempered by compassion
Exhaustion of remedies
Burdens of proof
Statutes of limitation
- 3:45 Loss Prevention & Subrogation
Discussion of rules and procedures that have effectively reduced certain types of claims. Tips on replenishing your Fund through actions against the dishonest lawyer and other liable parties.
- 4:46 Workshop Wrap-up