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2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE**

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The books and records of lawyers selected for audits were examined by the LFCP Auditor in order to determine compliance with Rule 1.15 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct. Lawyers found to have material items of non-compliance are reported to ODC. If a re-audit is required, the cost of the re-audit becomes the responsibility of the non-compliant attorney pursuant to Rule 9(4) of the LFCP.

Of the 60 lawyers and law firms randomly audited in the period ended June 30, 2016, 10% had no comments and were found to be in compliance, 53% had minor comments and were found to be in compliance and 37% had comments that were more than insignificant based on number and/or nature and were found not in compliance. Most of the instances of non-compliance were not material and corrected without the need for further action by the LFCP or ODC. There were numerous follow-up audits, investigative audits, and forensic audits on new and ongoing matters.

Financial Statements

The LFCP financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, show Net Assets of \$5,084,256.18. The investment portfolio guidelines are designed to protect principal. As a result the portfolio is invested 100% in U.S. Treasury Securities along with the maintenance of a pool of \$500,000 in immediately liquid assets.

Board

Currently, the following persons serve on the Board of Trustees:

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Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES OF THE LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

By:



FRANCIS J. JONES, JR., CHAIR

Dated:

10/20/16