

Oregon justices asked to disbar personal injury attorney

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SALEM, Ore. (Legal Newsline)-The Oregon State Bar is asking that a personal injury attorney in Portland be disbarred for failing to pay settlements or awards to his clients.

The state Supreme Court has already suspended attorney **Michael Shinn** from practicing law after flouting a court order by writing \$1,200 in checks to himself from client money, The (Portland) Oregonian reported.

Shinn also is accused of failing to file a lawsuit before the statute of limitations deadline on behalf of a woman who was infected with hepatitis C from a blood transfusion, among other charges.

Earlier this year, the Oregon State Bar asked the state's high court to suspend **Shinn** pending trial. At that time, the justices declined to suspend **Shinn**, but instead ordered him not to dip into his lawyer trust account without the bar's permission.

The bar said **Shinn** violated that order within weeks by writing himself checks for fees.

Shinn had already been suspended from practicing law because he hasn't paid his bar dues or malpractice insurance.