

# **N.Y. Attorney Disbarred, Used Client Funds for 'Personal Needs'**

A New York attorney who used a client's money for her personal expenses was disbarred by the state's highest court, **reports Bloomberg Law**.

A client paid Melissa Bernier \$1,375 to pay a fine in a burglary case.

Bloomberg's Melissa Heelan Stanzione writes that, instead of paying the fine or depositing the amount into her escrow account, Bernier used \$827 to pay for business and personal expenses unrelated to his case, the court said.

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