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# Bail Bond Agents

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## Audits and Record Keeping Procedures



*Educating and sharing information with customers.*

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# Funds Received - Describe in 3 places

1. **Cash Receipt Journal** or **Duplicate Receipt Book** - Document date received, amount and purpose.
2. **Bank Deposit Slip** - Receipt must be validated and identified to transaction. Validation must include date, amount, and bank account number.
3. **Client Ledger** - Document date of deposit, amount and item covered.

# Sample Receipt

RECEIPT

DATE 07/1/2000 No. 3985

RECEIVED FROM G. Mattox

Five Hundred DOLLARS \$ 500.00

FOR Case # XXXX

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

| HOW PAID    |        |
|-------------|--------|
| CASH        | 500.00 |
| CHECK       |        |
| MONEY ORDER |        |

BY Harry Smith

RECEIPT FORM, No. 507411402

RENT MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Use duplicate receipt book or cash receipts journal to record all trust receipts.

# Sample Cash Receipts Journal

| Cash Receipts Journal |            |          |      |        |             |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|------|--------|-------------|
| Line #                | Date       |          | Form | Source | Purpose     |
|                       | Received   | Amount   |      |        |             |
| 1                     | 07/01/2000 | \$500.00 | Cash | Mattox | Case # XXXX |
| 2                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 3                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 4                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 5                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 6                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 7                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 8                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 9                     |            |          |      |        |             |
| 10                    |            |          |      |        |             |

# Deposit of Trust Funds

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- 1. Bank Statement - Identified as "Trust" with firm name as licensed.*
- 2. Timely Deposits - Deposit within 3 banking days following receipt unless otherwise authorized in writing.  
(Recommend NLT next banking day.)*



# Funds Disbursed - Describe in 3 places

1. *Checkbook or Cash Disbursement Journal - Document check number, amount, date, payee, items covered and specific ledger.*
2. *On Check Itself - Identify specific ledger.*
3. *Client Ledger - Document date of check, payee and item covered.*

# Sample Check Register

## Check Register or Disbursement Journal

| #  | Date       | Check # | Payee             | Purpose            | Deposit Amount | Check Amount | Balance     |
|----|------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1  | 07/01/2000 |         | Deposit           | Mattox Case # XXXX | \$500.00       |              | \$28,000.00 |
| 2  | 10/06/2000 |         | Deposit           | Jones Case # 1111  | \$1,000.00     |              | \$29,000.00 |
| 3  | 10/14/2000 |         | Deposit           | Clark Case # 2222  | \$5,000.00     |              | \$34,000.00 |
| 4  | 10/14/2000 | 2046    | King County Dist. | Heanke Case #1212  |                | \$1,000.00   | \$33,000.00 |
| 5  | 10/21/2000 | 2047    | Buckley           | Refund Case # 2177 |                | \$4,000.00   | \$29,000.00 |
| 6  | 11/01/2000 | 2048    | District Court    | Mattox Case # XXXX |                | \$500.00     | \$28,500.00 |
| 7  |            |         |                   |                    |                |              |             |
| 8  |            |         |                   |                    |                |              |             |
| 9  |            |         |                   |                    |                |              |             |
| 10 |            |         |                   |                    |                |              |             |

# Sample Check

Mary Haglund's Bail  
Bonds, Inc. - Trust Acct

2048

DATE Nov 1 2000

PAY TO THE ORDER OF District Court \$ 500.00  
Five Hundred & no/100----- DOLLARS

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

**Mattox - Fail to Appear**

*Harry Smith*

⑆00 2100 66⑆ 770⑆ 964076⑆ 2121

# Sample Client Ledger

| #  | Date       | Received/<br>Paid to | For            | Receipt #;<br>Check # | Debit    | Credit   | Balance  |
|----|------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1  | 07/01/2000 | Greg Mattox          | Case # XXXX    | 3985                  |          | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 2  | 11/01/2000 | District Court       | Fail to appear | 2048                  | \$500.00 |          | \$0.00   |
| 3  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 4  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 5  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 6  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 7  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 8  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 9  |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |
| 10 |            |                      |                |                       |          |          |          |

# Trust Account Reconciliation

These 3 must agree monthly!

1. *Reconciled bank statements.*
2. *Checkbook or check register.*
3. *Trial Balance - A monthly list of individual client ledgers.*

# Sample Trial Balance

| Client | Amount   |
|--------|----------|
| Jones  | \$1,000  |
| Dotson | 500      |
| Smith  | 2,000    |
| Clark  | 5,000    |
| Renner | 20,000   |
| Mattox | -0-      |
| Total  | \$28,500 |

Total must agree with reconciled bank balance & check register balance!

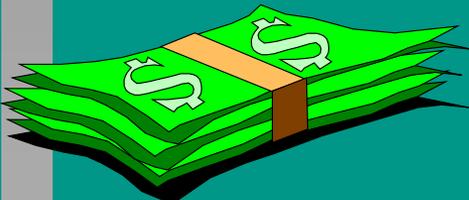
# Trust Bank Reconciliation

Date of Reconciliation: 11/30/00

Bank: First National Bank

Account #: 770964076

|                                                                             |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Balance - last statement (Date: <u>12/05/00</u> )                      | <u>\$29,000.00</u> |
| Deposits in transit:                                                        | <u>0</u>           |
| Subtotal                                                                    | <u>\$29,000.00</u> |
| Prior month outstanding checks:<br>(From ck # <u>NA</u> to ck # _____)      | <u>\$0.00</u>      |
| Subtotal                                                                    | <u>\$29,000.00</u> |
| Current months deposits:<br>(From Receipt # <u>NA</u> to # _____)           | <u>0</u>           |
| Subtotal                                                                    | <u>\$29,000.00</u> |
| Current month outstanding checks:<br>(From ck # _____ to ck # <u>2045</u> ) | <u>\$500.00</u>    |
| Subtotal                                                                    | <u>\$28,500.00</u> |
| Cash on hand/adjustments:                                                   | <u>0</u>           |
| TOTAL Trust Account Cash on Hand:                                           | <u>\$28,500.00</u> |
| TOTAL Trust Funds Accountable for: (Client Liability)                       | <u>\$28,500.00</u> |
| Difference (Over or Short)                                                  | <u>0</u>           |



# Credit Cards



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- n Client funds must be maintained in a trust account.*
- n Split deposits are acceptable. (All deposits must be identified to the source.)*

# Inventory

## *Recommendations:*

- *Maintain an agreement between you and the client as to the storage, insurance, safety of the personal property pledged as collateral held in trust.*
- *Keep a physical copy of your monthly inventory*

