



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner, Moore Excused (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Daley asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

No Public Speakers

**22-1010**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/15/2021

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Sims, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 22-1010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

**COURT ORDERS**

**22-0951**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Sims, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 22-0951. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

### **SPECIAL COURT CASES**

#### **22-0917**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of Cook County, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 12/21/2021  
Unopposed Petition Number: 19  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$43,775.71  
Paid to Date: \$737,592.42

#### **22-0918**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler  
Case Name: Shakman, et al., v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 214  
Date of This Order: 12/10/2021  
Unopposed Petition Number: 259  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$67.50  
Paid to Date: \$3,476,724.08

#### **22-0919**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler  
Case Name: Shakman, et al., v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 214  
Date of This Order: 12/10/2021  
Unopposed Petition Number: 260  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$67.50  
Paid to Date: \$3,476,724.08

**22-0921**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Susan G. Feibus  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 12/16/2021  
Unopposed Petition Number: 34  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$27,017.14  
Paid to Date: \$1,094,178.89

**22-0922**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Susan G. Feibus  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Assessor, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 12/16/2021  
Unopposed Petition Number: 154  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$59,254.28  
Paid to Date: \$4,151,868.83

**22-0896**

Firm: Ekl Williams & Provenzale, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Terry A. Ekl  
Case Name: Smith v. City of Chicago, et al.  
Case No.(s): 21 C 1159  
Time period: 07/28/2021 - 08/31/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,757.50  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 10/05/2021

**22-0897**

Firm: Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.  
Special State's Attorney(s): James M. Lydon  
Case Name: Maysonet v. Guevara, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 C 2342  
Time period: 10/01/2021 - 10/29/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$39,659.50  
Paid to Date: \$114,372.28  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

**22-0899**

Firm: Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.  
Special State's Attorney(s): James M. Lydon  
Case Name: Taylor v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.  
Case No.(s): 13 C 1856  
Time period: 10/01/2021 - 10/26/2021

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$43,354.00  
Paid to Date: \$1,130,231.08  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

**22-0903**

Firm: Leinenweber Baroni & Daffada, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Justin L. Leinenweber  
Case Name: Brown v. Dart, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 L 12632  
Time period: 09/11/2021 - 10/08/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,224.25  
Paid to Date: \$14,076.75  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 11/02/2021

**22-0904**

Firm: Leinenweber Baroni & Daffado, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Justin L. Leinenweber  
Case Name: Reyes v. Dart, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 L 12511  
Time period: 09/11/2021 - 10/08/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,492.75  
Paid to Date: \$18,083.75  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 11/02/2021

**22-0905**

Firm: Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Justin L. Leinenweber  
Case Name: Tate v. Dart, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 CH 2749  
Time period: 09/11/2021 - 10/08/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$6,915.40  
Paid to Date: \$155,599.99  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 11/02/2021

**22-0910**

Firm: Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): John J. Rock  
Case Name: Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.  
Case No.(s): 19 C 0471  
Time period: 09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,553.00  
Paid to Date: \$36,495.80  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

**22-0912**

Firm: Reiter Burns, LLP.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Daniel M. Noland  
Case Name: DeLeon-Reyes v. Reynaldo Guevara, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 C 1028  
Time period: 09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,609.88  
Paid to Date: \$244,263.40  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: (\$6,035.38 on 11/02/2021) and (\$1,574.50 on 12/14/2021)

**22-0891**

Firm: Winston & Strawn, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Dan K. Webb  
Case Name: Appointment Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 19 MR 00014  
Date of This Order: 06/08/2021  
Time period: 04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$712.38  
Paid to Date: \$41,026.99  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-0893**

Firm: Winston & Strawn, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Dan K. Webb  
Case Name: Appointment Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 19 MR 00014  
Date of This Order: 08/13/2021  
Time period: 06/01/2021 - 07/31/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,857.12  
Paid to Date: \$41,026.99  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-0894**

Firm: Winston & Strawn, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Dan K. Webb  
Case Name: Appointment Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 19 MR 00014  
Date of This Order: 10/20/2021  
Time period: 08/01/2021 - 09/30/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$223.18  
Paid to Date: \$41,026.99  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-0895**

Firm: Winston & Strawn, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Dan K. Webb  
Case Name: Appointment Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 19 MR 00014  
Date of This Order: 12/10/2021  
Time period: 10/01/2021 - 11/30/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,613.70  
Paid to Date: \$41,026.99  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Special Court Cases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

**SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**22-0864**

Case: Cortez, Joaquin v. Cook County  
Case No: 17 L 7376  
Settlement Amount: \$550,000.00  
Department: John H. Stroger - 4897  
Payable to: Joaquin Cortez and his attorneys at Goodman Tovrov Hardy & Johnson  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**22-0822**

Case: Oily Thomas v. Cook County  
Case No: 19 CH 06865  
Settlement Amount: \$20,500.00  
Department: State's Attorney  
Payable to: Robert L. Caplan  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: FOIA

**22-0547**

Case: Parker, Rayvon v. Vasquez  
Case No: 18 C 4274  
Settlement Amount: \$3,500.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Rayvon Parker  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-0551**

Case: Pedro Orozco v. Sergeant James Hession and Sergeant Monica Williamson  
Case No: 21-2663 and 18 C 1938  
Settlement Amount: \$5,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Pedro Orozco  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-0736**

Case: Pitts, Herbert v Dart et al  
Case No: 16 C 11498  
Settlement Amount: \$7,500.00  
Department: 1239-Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Herbert Pitts  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation.

**22-0792**

Case: Martinez, Carlos v. Dart et al.  
Case No: 19 C 4359  
Settlement Amount: \$197,500.00  
Department: 1231 - Police Department  
Payable to: Carlos Martinez and Kurt Feuer  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-0793**

Case: Anderson, Allante v. Williams, et al.  
Case No: 20 C 1664  
Settlement Amount: \$3,500.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Allante N. Anderson  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-0868**

Case: Young, Dionte v. Dart, et al.  
Case No: 17 C 1914 (21-2715)  
Settlement Amount: \$6,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Dionte Young  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-0892**

Case: Thomas, Malcom v. Ryan et al.  
Case No: 18 C 7941  
Settlement Amount: \$1,800.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Malcom Thomas  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Proposed Settlements. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

**QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

**PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

**SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.



## CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

22-0724

### REPORT

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Claim Recoveries

**Report Period:** Month ending December 31, 2021

**Summary:** Submitting for your information a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending December 31, 2021 - Total Recoveries: \$4,016.54 Number of Recoveries: 2

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-0724. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

22-0813

Employee: Kenneth Warner

Job Title: Arch Iron Worker Foreman

Department: Facilities

Date of Incident: 04/22/2020

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right leg after it was struck by a bench he was removing from the floor.

Accidental Injuries: Right Leg

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 014565

Claim Amount: \$18,804.84

Attorney: Gregorio & Marco, Ltd.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Prior/pending claims: N/A

22-0824

Employee: Troy Hall

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Corrections

Date of Incident: 07/19/2019; 05/19/2020

Incident/Activity: On July 19, 2019, Petitioner injured his left knee while performing an emergency takedown of a detainee. On May 19, 2020, Petitioner injured his right shoulder and right arm while

performing an emergency takedown of a detainee.  
Accidental Injuries: Left Knee; Right Shoulder; Right Arm  
Petition and Order No: 20 WC 12170  
Claim Amount: \$56,235.47  
Attorney: Argionis & Associates, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-0825**

Employee: Jan Wilson  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Corrections  
Date of Incident: 08/10/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right knee and left ankle after a desk collapsed on him while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Right Knee; Left Ankle  
Petition and Order No: 20 WC 19251  
Claim Amount: \$37,954.70  
Attorney: Vitell & Spitz, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Prior/pending claims: 12/04/2018 (\$1,000.00)

**22-0828**

Employee: Christopher Arocho  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 04/26/2017  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his face, nose, eye and jaw when he was severely beaten by multiple detainees.  
Accidental Injuries: Face, nose, eye and jaw  
Petition and Order No: 17 WC 13150  
Claim Amount: \$49,144.36  
Attorney: DePaolo & Zakidis, LLC.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-0829**

Employee: Cassandra Bell

Job Title: Assistant Team Leader

Department: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Date of Incident: 08/31/2018; 05/29/2020

Incident/Activity: On August 31, 2018, Petitioner injured her bilateral knees and back when attacked by a resident. On May 29, 2020, Petitioner injured her right knee while restraining a resident.

Accidental Injuries: Bilateral knees, back

Petition and Order No: 18 WC 30735; 20 WC 18123

Claim Amount: \$27,915.74

Attorney: Marszalek & Marszalek

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

Prior/pending claims: 07/26/2021; 12/29/2012; 06/23/2014 (\$15,478.66); 03/30/2021 (pending)

**22-0830**

Employee: Josette Boisseau

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 12/13/2018

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her bilateral legs when a desk broke and fell on her.

Accidental Injuries: Bilateral legs

Petition and Order No: 19 WC 4782

Claim Amount: \$154,427.25

Attorney: Block, Klukas & Manzella, P.C.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 10/05/2021

Prior/pending claims: 12/22/1999 (\$25,000.00); 06/04/2002 (no award at trial); 07/01/2020 (\$20,000.00)

**22-0831**

Employee: Matthew Johnson

Job Title: Recreational Specialist

Department: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Date of Incident: 11/29/2016

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right shoulder and left knee when he fell while playing football with residents.

Accidental Injuries: Right shoulder, left knee

Petition and Order No: 18 WC 11368

Claim Amount: \$75,979.80

Attorney: Law Offices of Edward Osowski

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

Prior/pending claims: 12/16/2001 (\$1,950.00); 06/27/2005 (\$5,499.09); 11/25/2006 (\$6,000.00); 10/05/2008 (\$34,116.10); 09/25/2010 (\$32,879.76)

**22-0832**

Employee: Vincente Mojica, Jr.

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 06/09/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his bilateral legs, neck, and right shoulder during an altercation with a detainee.

Accidental Injuries: Bilateral legs, neck, right shoulder

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 19183

Claim Amount: \$12,961.43

Attorney: Argionis & Associates, LLC

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 09/05/2017 (\$23,509.74)

**22-0834**

Employee: Herman Reynaud

Job Title: Security Specialist

Department: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Date of Incident: 04/18/2018

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right ankle, right knee, lumbar spine, and left elbow when he fell getting out of a work truck.

Accidental Injuries: Right foot, right leg, lumbar spine, left arm

Petition and Order No: 18 WC 12342

Claim Amount: \$34,506.99

Attorney: Saks, Robinson & Rittenberg, Ltd.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-0835**

Employee: Evgeniy Romanov

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 06/29/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his neck and back while restraining a detainee.

Accidental Injuries: Neck and back

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 19608

Claim Amount: \$10,724.40

Attorney: Ankin Law Group, LLC.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 09/10/2018 (\$20,000.00); 07/08/2020 (\$13,599.09)

**22-0914**

Employee: Dennis Calderone  
Job Title: Correctional Lieutenant  
Department: Corrections  
Date of Incident: 6/14/2018  
Incident/Activity: Detainee struck Petitioner in the face  
Accidental Injuries: nose, back of head, front tooth #9  
Petition and Order No: 18 WC 19029  
Claim Amount: \$19,766.00  
Attorney: Brandon Hall of Hart & David LLP  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-0916**

Employee: Cynthia A. Hargons  
Job Title: Janitor III  
Department: Facilities Management  
Date of Incident: 2/6/2017  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner slipped and fell on the floor she was cleaning when the mop handle detached from the mop head  
Accidental Injuries: left wrist, left shoulder, and back  
Petition and Order No: 17 WC 11830  
Claim Amount: \$500.00  
Attorney: Lindsey Strom and Strom & Associates  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: 4/3/2018 (pending); 11/8/2018 (pending); 5/1/2019 (pending); 5/20/2019 (pending); and 5/1/2020 (pending)

**22-0920**

Employee: Shenea Kirklin  
Job Title: Probation Officer  
Department: Adult Probation  
Date of Incident: 3/1/2016  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner slipped and fell on black ice in the parking lot  
Accidental Injuries: right shoulder and lumbar spine  
Petition and Order No: 16 WC 09707  
Claim Amount: \$75,526.00  
Attorney: Steven Seidman of Seidman Margulis & Fairman, LLP

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-0923**

Employee: Victor Cabrera  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 12/13/2019  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right hand and wrist when his hand was struck by a door.  
Accidental Injuries: Right hand, right wrist  
Petition and Order No: 20 WC 7744  
Claim Amount: \$5,767.91  
Attorney: Whiteside & Goldberg, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-0924**

Employee: Michael Cap, Jr.  
Job Title: Telecommunicator  
Department: Sheriff's Department  
Date of Incident: 02/28/2021  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his lower back while cleaning his office.  
Accidental Injuries: Lower back  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 6209  
Claim Amount: \$3,775.45  
Attorney: Whiteside & Goldberg, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-0925**

Employee: Valerie Villa  
Job Title: Youth Development Specialist  
Department: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center  
Date of Incident: 2/17/2018; 3/16/2018; 12/8/2018; 11/18/2019; and 12/13/2019  
Incident/Activity: On February 17, 2018, Petitioner injured her left wrist and left shoulder while applying physical restraint to a resident. On March 16, 2018, Petitioner injured her bilateral knees while attempting to restrain a resident. On December 8, 2018, Petitioner re-injured her bilateral knees while assisting in restraining a resident. On November 18, 2019, Petitioner injured her head when a basketball hit her. On December 13, 2019, Petitioner injured her right shoulder and right knee while restraining a resident.  
Accidental Injuries: left wrist, bilateral shoulders, bilateral knees, and head

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 00699; 21 WC 01347

Claim Amount: \$13,500.00

Attorney: Brian Thomas of Thomas Law

Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-0926**

Employee: Lasean Miller

Job Title: Police Officer

Department: Sheriff's Department

Date of Incident: 05/16/2019

Incident/Activity: Petitioner was injured when running from a car fire and fell on a wet surface causing injury to his left wrist, right elbow, and right shoulder.

Accidental Injuries: Left hand, right arm, right shoulder

Petition and Order No: 19 WC 25160

Claim Amount: \$64,137.60

Attorney: Gordon & Centracchio, LLC.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 11/02/2021

Prior/pending claims: 08/28/16 (\$1.00)

**22-0927**

Employee: Lora Roddy

Job Title: Cashier III

Department: Stroger Hospital

Date of Incident: 05/05/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her right knee when she fell on a wet surface.

Accidental Injuries: Right leg

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 12601

Claim Amount: \$6,965.41

Attorney: Ankin Law Office, LLC

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: n/a

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the Workers' Compensation Claim Cases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT**

**22-1052**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 12/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending December 2021. Payments total \$1,243,563.41

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-1052. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

**COMPTROLLERS**

**22-0888**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller

**Report Title:** Preliminary Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending 11/30/2021

**Report Period:** 11/30/2021

**Summary:** Submitting for your information, a Preliminary Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending 11/30/2021 for the Corporate, Safety and Health Funds, as presented by the Bureau of Finance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 21-0888. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)



## HEALTH & HOSPITAL

22-1041

### REPORT

**Department:** CCH

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** January 2022

**Summary:** This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-1041. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Moore Excused (1)

22-0566

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

#### INVOICE MODIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEYS IN CIVIL MATTERS

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chapter 2 - Administration, Article IV. - Officers and Employees, Division 9. State's Attorney, Subdivision II. Cook County Guidelines for Special State's Attorneys, Sec. 2-334 is hereby amended as follows:

#### **Sec. 2-334. Fees, expenses, rates and fee petitions.**

(a) *Fees and expenses.* Attorneys shall be paid reasonable fees and costs based on the type and nature of the case. Such fees and costs shall conform to the fees and costs authorized under this Section. The Attorney must pay for all expenses in advance and indicate on the firm's invoices such expenses to be reimbursed, unless otherwise expressly directed by the court or agreed to in writing by the Litigation Subcommittee. ~~Reimbursement of expenses shall be requested as part of Attorney's fee petitions.~~

Expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

- (1) *Photocopying.* Reasonable photocopying at actual cost, not to exceed \$0.10 per page.

(2) *Messenger service.* The use of messengers when there is a genuine need for expedited delivery at actual charges of a third-party vendor or, when an in-house firm messenger is used, at actual cost (not at the paralegal or legal assistant billing rate).

(3) *Computerized research.* Actual costs of reasonably necessary computerized research services.

(4) *Experts.* The reasonable fees of qualified consulting and testifying experts retained to provide opinions necessary to the defense or prosecution of the litigation, except that all expert fees must be pre-approved by the Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau if they are anticipated to exceed \$500.

(5) *Travel.* Air travel expenses must not exceed the highest fare coach rate for the flight. Mileage expenses shall be at the Internal Revenue Service deductible rates. Hotels, car rental companies and airlines offering moderate prices and discounted corporate rates shall be used. Attorneys shall reduce the hourly rate charged by 50 percent while an Attorney or paraprofessional is traveling, unless legal work is being performed and is documented.

(b) *General business costs.* Law firm overhead expenses including, but not limited to, rent, electricity, supplies, secretarial and support services, computer system expenses, overtime expenses, local telephone service and other similar expenses, shall be considered part of the Attorneys' hourly rate.

(c) *Miscellaneous costs.* Attorneys shall not seek reimbursement of fees for:

(1) Preparing invoices or a fee petition;

(2) Conducting a conflicts check;

(3) Entertainment expenses;

(4) Food and beverages while working and/or hosting meetings;

(5) Excessive staffing;

(6) Work resulting from Attorney error;

(7) Purely clerical work;

(8) Preparing an estimated case budget.

Under most circumstances, only one Attorney should bill for attending court appearances, depositions, client conferences, and Litigation Subcommittee meetings. The Attorney shall seek prior approval from the Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau, or the Chief's delegate if the Attorney seeks to have more than one attorney in attendance.

~~(d) *Fee petitions and invoices.* Unless otherwise expressly directed by the court, Attorneys shall submit fee petitions either monthly or quarterly. If the accumulated charges for a quarter are less than \$500.00, the charges shall be included in the next quarterly fee petition. Attorneys shall submit all fee petitions to the Chair in a time appropriate for referral to and review by the Subcommittee prior to filing the fee petition with the court. The time spent performing the chargeable services shall be recorded on a daily basis to the nearest 1/10th of an hour and shall be broken down in detail, describing the work performed by each individual during that time period. The fee petition shall contain the amount charged for each Attorney and paraprofessional, including the time, the hourly rate and summary total for each. The fee petition shall itemize expenses according to categories including the following: photocopying, messenger service, computerized research, experts and travel. Invoices in civil matters must comply with the Billing Guidelines for Outside Counsel issued by the Civil Actions Bureau of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, as published and as may be amended from time to time. Such invoices shall be reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and/or the County office at issue. Prior to each meeting of the Litigation Subcommittee, the State's Attorney's Office shall provide the Subcommittee with a report of preliminarily approved outside counsel billings, for the Subcommittee's approval prior to the issuance of any payment. Special State's Attorneys appointed by a court must also file a fee petition with the appointing court and submit an order granting the fee petition to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office prior to the issuance of any payment. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office will provide the Finance Committee with a quarterly report of payments to outside counsel in civil matters which will include information by case type (conflicts, capacity, or expertise), law firm, and matter, with expense data for the quarter as well as for the life of the case.~~

(e) *Rate structure.* Unless otherwise expressly directed by the court or the Subcommittee, Attorneys shall bill for their services on an hourly basis. Hourly rates for each individual civil matter shall be negotiated with the Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau, with attorney fees not to exceed \$290 per hour, and paralegal/legal assistant rates not to exceed \$90 per hour, without approval of the Subcommittee. Law clerks shall not bill for their time without prior permission of the Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau. Attorneys may propose alternative fee structures such as blended, flat or contingent rate upon approval of the Subcommittee. In criminal matters, the hourly rates for attorneys shall not exceed \$205, and the hourly rates for paralegals shall not exceed \$90, without approval of the Subcommittee.

(f) To the fullest extent consistent with this Section, Attorneys in civil matters shall adhere to the Billing Guidelines for Outside Counsel issued by the Civil Actions Bureau of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, as published and as may be amended from time to time.

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to Approve 21-0566. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin  
(16)

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### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Sims, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (16)

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

LYNNE M. TURNER  
Interim Secretary

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