



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**11:05 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**Also Present:** Daley (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

[20-1825](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 1/14/2020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 20-1825. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1566](#)**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL***Squeo, Anthony v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 1***Shyne, Martenia v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 19 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 2***Beauchamp, Marquis v. Thomas Dart.*

Case No. 19 CH 8869

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 3***Rolling, Bridgett v. Thomas J. Dart*

Case No. 19 CH 8870

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 4***Lee, Flint v. Thomas J. Dart*

Case No. 19 C 30

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 5***Goodwill, Brian v. Sheriff of Cook County*

Case No. 19 CH 838

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 6**

*Beltran, David F. v. Thomas J. Dart*

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 7**

*Shaffer v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 15653

*Jackson v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 14378

*Garrett-Williams v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 19 CH 840

*Bridges v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 15535

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 8**

*Barnes, Toriano v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 9**

*Bless v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and  
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 10**

*Hood v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 16 C 1970

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm  
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 11**

*Brown v. Dart, et al.*, 18 L 12632

*Reyes v. Dart, et al.*, 18 L 12511

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and  
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 12**

*Tate v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and  
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 13**

*Consolino v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and  
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 14**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 20-1566. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1748](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Shakman Compliance Officers Quarterly Update

**Case Number:** 69 C 2145

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive**

**and file 20-1748. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1750](#)

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Civil Rights Section

December 1, 2019 - February 3, 2020

Labor and Employment Section

December 1, 2019 - February 3, 2020

Medical Litigation Section

December 1, 2019 - February 3, 2020

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 20-1750. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**The Committee met in Executive Session.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1754](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Outside Counsel Rate Authority

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 20-1754. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1756](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *County of Cook v. HSBC North American Holdings, Inc, et al.*

**Case Number:** 14 C 2031

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1756. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1760](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Tara Lewis, Individually, and as Parent of Ta'Nilya Baker, a Minor v. Tuan Manh Nguyen, M.D., et al.*

**Case Number:** 16 L 7737

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1760. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1764](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Gruenberg v. Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 16 C 11248

**withdraw**

[20-1768](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Mary Doe v. County of Cook, et al. 17 L 8117*

**Case Number:** 17 L 8117

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1768. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1771](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Raymond L. Jones v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 18 C 07577

**withdraw**

[20-1775](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Crystal Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al*



**Case Number:** 18 C 8085

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1775. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1780](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Gassman v. Brown, Clark v. Brown et al, Midwest Medical Records Association, Inc. v. Brown, et al., Renx Group, LLC, f/k/a Big Blue Capital Partners, LLC v. Brown, et al., Premovic v. Brown, et al.*

**Case Number:** 14 CH 12269, 17 CH 12573, 15 CH 16986, 15 CH 18832, 16 CH 193

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 20-1780. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1785](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 20-1785. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[20-1789](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Appointment of Outside Counsel

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 20-1789. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)


**Absent:** Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.