



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

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

11:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Sean Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Also Present: Kevin Morrison (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no registered public speakers.

[19-0659](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/13/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-0659. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0497](#)

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

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Complex Litigation Section

11/14/2018 -12/3/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-0497. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

The Committee met in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to reconvene open session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0496](#)

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

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Conflict Cases:

Gray v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2624

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. 1

Williams v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 17 C 5186

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. 2

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

Tab Item No. 3

Donald J. Pechous v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Thomas Cargie v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Margaret Jane Campos v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Margaret J. Campos v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Bronwyn Sears v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Case No. 18 L 2499

Case No. 2018CA1238, 2018CA1239, 2018CA1240, 2018CA1241

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Anthony L. Schumann and the firm of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.

Tab Item No. 4

Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085

Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146

Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9056

Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274

Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

Tab Item No. 5

Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds

Case No. 69 C 2145

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Dana L. Kurtz and the firm of Kurtz Law Offices, LTD

Tab Item No. 6

Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and

Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC.

Tab Item No. 7

People of the State of Illinois v. Jessie Pinkerton.

Case No. 12 CR 1026901

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

Tab Item No. 8

Hernandez v. John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, et al.

Case No. 15 L 11937

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Anne Stalder Nelson and the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP.

Tab Item No. 9

Brown v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

Tab Item No. 10

In Re: Level Assessment Litigation

Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938

2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618

2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779

2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700

2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258

Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 11

Chicago Tribune Company v. Cook County Assessor's Office

Case No: 16 CH 4992

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 12

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County.

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 13

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 14

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 15

Marva Crowder v. Servant Cook Sheriff, et al.

Case No. 17 C 3050

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 16

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 17

Renee Young v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1438

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 18

Antonio Perry v. Starks, et al.

Case No. 16 C 4557

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 19

Non-Conflict Cases:

Joel Vargas v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1598

Re: Provide Legal Advice regarding Insurance

Policy Coverage regarding Percy Taylor

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 1

Martenia Shyne, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 1231

Miguel Lopez v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0733

Steven Cruz v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0915

Latoya Ruffin Stanford v. Cook County, et al., 15 CH 5722

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 2

Acevedo v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 - 1128

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 3

Goral, et al. v. Dart, et al., 18-1646

Geral Schmidt v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 4

Dawayne Dennis v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 22217
Demetrius Whitney v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 17 C 9039
Gale Mhoon v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 284
Luis Rodriguez v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 1400
Odell Calvin v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 1174
Ranulfo Esparza v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 2265
Robert Powell v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 17 C 9044
In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Manuel Sanchez and the firm
of Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman, LLP.

Tab Item No. 5

Michno v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.
Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.
Case No: 07 C 855
In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Terrence F. Guolee and
the Firm of Querrey & Harrow, LTD.

Tab Item No. 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 19-0496. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0280](#)

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: Amanda Johnson v. Cook County

Case Number: 15 L 11721

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur

with the recommendation of the State' s Attorney 19-0280. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0424](#)

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: Scott-Pitts, Lashonna (Est. Jordan Scott) v. Cook County

Case Number: 18 C 432

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State' s Attorney 19-0424. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0533](#)

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: Renee Young v. Thomas Dart, et al.

Case Number: 18 C 1438

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State' s Attorney 19-0533. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0537](#)

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: Delaney v. Dart, et al.

Case Number: 15 C 4897

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-0537. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0541](#)

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: *Nash v. Cook County*

Case Number: 14 L 4174

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-0541. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0545](#)

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: Abernathy v. Village of Park Forest, et al.

Case Number: 16 C 2128

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-0545. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0566](#)

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: Calvin v. Baker, et al.

Case Number: 16 C 3166

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-0566. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0549](#)

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: Cases related to Percy Taylor

Case Number: 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B (1ST District 2017)

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-0549. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0553](#)

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: Appointment of Outside Counsel

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-0553. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman

Secretary

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