



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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

1:00 PM

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

ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Mark Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts of Commonwealth

[19-2348](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/19/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-2348. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2256](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section - 2/22/2019 - 3/1/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-2256. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2239](#)

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

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. 4

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

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

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

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

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

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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. 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

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. 7

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. 8

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. 9

DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Daniel M. Noland and the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 10

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. 11

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. 12

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

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

Tab Item No. 13

Ladarius Harris v. Village of Ford Heights, et al.

Case No. 17 C 4184

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

Tab Item No. 14

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 16 CH 4992

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

Tab Item No. 15

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 16

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. 17

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. 18

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. 19

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. 20

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. 21

Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al.

Case No: 18 L 1927

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

Tab Item No. 22

Alstory Simon v. Northwestern University, et al.

Paul Ciolino v. Alvarez, et al.

Case No. 15 C 1433, 18 L 000044

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

Tab Item No. 23

Dorothy Holmes, et al. v. Officer George Hernandez, et al.

Case No. 14 C 8536

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

Tab Item No. 24

Non Conflict Cases:

Joel Vargas v. Dart, et al., 18 C 1598

Percy Taylor v. Thomas J. Dart, 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. 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

Gerald Schmidt v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.

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

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

Thomas J. Dart v. Karyn Williams

Case No: 18 CH 8624

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. 5

Monae v. Dart, et al., and Simpson v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 18 C 0424 and 18 C 0553

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Robert T. Shannon and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

(Reduced from original amount of \$6,402.62)

Tab Item No. 6

Deisy Jaimes v. Cook County, et al., 18 CH 11465

Deisy Jaimes v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8291

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and the Firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 7

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

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

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

Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 0274

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

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and the Firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 8

Mercado v. Rosado, 07 C 855

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kenneth Ulrich and the firm of Goldberg Kohn, LTD.

Tab Item No. 9

Re: Provide Legal Advice Regarding Insurance Coverage

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kenneth Ulrich and the firm of Goldberg Kohn, LTD.

Tab Item No. 10

Thomas Lenoir v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 1027

Jerome Lawrence v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 704

Charlene Bigelow, et al. v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 2055

Wilbert Reyes v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 17 C 9223

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Manuel Sanchez and the firm of Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman, LLP.

(Reduced from original amount of \$28,824.73)

Tab Item No. 11

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-2239. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2271](#)

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: *Chew-Harris v. Officer Rosales and Sheriff Dart*

Case Number: 17 C 4958

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-2271. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2275](#)

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: *Charlene Bigelow, as Ind. Admin. of Estate Devin Lynch v. Sheriff, et al.*

Case Number: 18 C 2055

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-2275. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2276](#)

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: Budget for Conflict Cases

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-2276. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2280](#)

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: *Harold Richardson v. City of Chicago, et al. Vincent Thames v. City of Chicago, et al., Michael Saunders v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case Number: 12 C 9158, 12 C 9184, 12 C 9170

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-2280. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2391](#)

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: *Wade, Steven v. Correctional Officer Rizzuto*

Case Number: 14 C 3825

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-2391. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-2391. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2281](#)

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: *Omar Hernandez (Est. Leticia Lara) vs. Presence Resurrection, et al.*

Case Number: 15 L 11937

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-2281. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2283](#)

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 v. Dart*

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-2283. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2287](#)

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: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-2287. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-2291](#)

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 Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to suspend the rules to take up 19-2291. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 19-2291. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



Secretary

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