



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

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

[19-3498](#)

**Sponsored by:** Board of Commissioners, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 4/23/2019

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-3498. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3412](#)

**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 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. 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**

*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. 6**

*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. 7**

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

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

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. 8**

*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 Lisa M. McElroy and the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 9**

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

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

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

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

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

**Tab Item No. 10**

*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. 11**

*Jarrell Miller v. Amy Campanelli and Brett Balmer*

Case No. 18 L 9570

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Philip J. Fowler and the firm of Karlin, Fleisher & Falkenberg, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 12**

*Armando Serrano v. City of Chicago, et al. and Jose Montanez v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 2869 and 17 C 4560

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paula S. Quist and the firm of Jones Day.

**Tab Item No. 13**

*Consolino, et al. v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael A. Kuczwarra and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No.14**

*Tate v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael A. Kuczwarra and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No.15**

*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 & Culberton, 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**

*Gonsalves v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 18 C 5564

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. 23**

*Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249*

*Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263*

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. 24**

*Reyes v. Sgt. Hiessen, et al.*

Case No: 18 C 330

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. 25**

Non-Conflict Cases:

*Percy Taylor v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

*Joel Vargas v. Cook County, 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**

*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**

*Mercado v. Rosado, 1-18-1845*

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. 6**

*Re: Provide Legal Advice Regarding Insurance Coverage*

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. 7**

*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.

**Tab Item No. 8**

*Hacker v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 17 C 4282

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

**Tab Item No. 9**

Merit Board Matters

Special State's Attorney Robert T. Shannon and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

**Tab Item No. 10**

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

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. 11**

*Carr, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 17 C 7135*

*McFields, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 17 C 7424*

*Whitney v. Khan, et al., 18 C 4475*

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

**Tab Item No. 12**

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

*Gene Michno v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 13 C 7163*

*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.

**Tab Item No. 13**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-3412. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3418](#)

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Conflicts Counsel Unit

January 26, 2019 - April 26, 2019

Civil Rights Section

April 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019

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



and file 19-3418. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

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

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

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

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3422](#)

**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) v. Presence Resurrection, et al.

**Case Number:** 19-2281

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State’ s Attorney on 19-3422. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3426](#)

**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:** *Pondexter Howard v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 16 C 9798

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney on 19-3426. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3427](#)

**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:** *Maurisio Hernandez v. Officer Martinez*

**Case Number:** 18 C 4448

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-3427. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3428](#)

**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:** *Annabel Melongo v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 13 C 4924

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-3428. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3432](#)

**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:** *Lacy, et al. v. Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 14-cv-6259

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-3432. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3436](#)

**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 Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-3436. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

[19-3440](#)

**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 19-3440. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

**Absent:** Suffredin (1)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman



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Secretary

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