



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

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**11:00 AM**

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

**Recessed to 9:00 AM on Thursday 9/26/2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Also Present:** Arroyo, Daley, Deer and Miller (4)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

No Public Speakers

[19-5737](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/24/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-5737. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5649](#)

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

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Civil Rights Section

7/1/2019 - 9/25/2019

Conflicts Counsel Unit

4/27/2019 - 7/27/2019

Labor and Employment Section

8/24/2019 - 9/25/2019

Medical Litigation Section

7/ 24/2019 - 9/25/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-5649. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5634](#)

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

**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL**

*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. 1**

*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. 2**

*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. 3**

*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. 4**

*Flaherty v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 19 L 215

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. 5**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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. 6**

*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. 7**

*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. 8**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

*Sheppard, David v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 19 C 296

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. 10**

*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 Elizabeth A. Elk and  
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 11**

*People v. Vernon Lauderdale*

Case No. 08 CR 14331

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

**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**

*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. 14**

*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. 15**

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

Case No. 18 C 8144

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. 16**

*Consolino, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9011*

*Tate v. Cook County, et al., 18 CH 2749*

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

**Tab Item No.17**

*Jones v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 3589

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Kevin W. Frey and the

firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No.18**

*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. 19**

*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. 20**

*Price v. Evans, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 1259

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the Law  
Offices of John C. Coyne

**Tab Item No. 21**

*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. 22**

*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. 23**

*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. 24**

*A.F. Moore v. Joseph Berrios, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 4888

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. 25**

*County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al.*

Case No. 14 C 9548

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. 26**

*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. 27**

*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. 28**

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

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

Case No. 16 CH 4127

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. 29**

*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. 30**

*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. 31**

*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 A**

*Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893*

*Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 13585*

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 B**

*Strickland v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 19 C 2621

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 C**

*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 D**

*Melongo v. Podlasek, et al.*

Case No: 13 C 4924

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 E**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-5634. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

The Subcommittee met in Executive Session

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

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

[19-5654](#)

**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:** *Holliman v. Thompson, et al.*

**Case Number:** 15 C 9050

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5654. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5658](#)

**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:** *Annabel Melongo v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 13 C 4924

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5658. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5662](#)

**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:** *Carolyn Goedert v. County of Cook*

**Case Number:** 17110206

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5662. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5666](#)

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

**Case Number:** 15 C 6852

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5666. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5671](#)

**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:** *Loyola v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 18 CH 8607

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5671. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5675](#)

**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:** *Crystal Jones v. Dr. Godsel, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 10125

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5675. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5679](#)

**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:** *Juan Mercado (Est. Gizzell Ford) and Sandra Mercado v. Norell Rosado, M.D.*

**Case Number:** 14 L 7337 and 18-1845

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to concur**

with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-5679. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and S. Morrison (5)

**Present:** Lowry and Suffredin (2)

Commissioners Lowry and Suffredin recused themselves from 19-5679

[19-5683](#)

**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:** *Mariya Domina (Est. Sergiy Prodanchuk) v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 17 L 9227

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-5683. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-5687](#)

**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:** Medical Litigation Case Valuation Presentation

**Case Number:** N/A

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

and file 19-5687. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-5692](#)

**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:** *Crystal Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., Sdahrie Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al. Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 C 8085, 17 C 8146, 17 C 9056, 18 C 2949, 18 C 274

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-5692. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5696](#)

**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:** *Cook County v. Opioid Manufacturers*

**Case Number:** 17 L 13180

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-5696. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5700](#)

**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 Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-5700. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[19-5704](#)

**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 Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-5704. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to adjourn**

the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

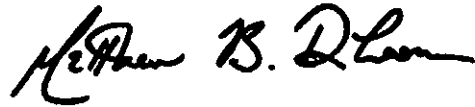
Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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