



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

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**11:15 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**Also Present:** Miller and Moore (2)

**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

[20-1107](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/17/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 20-1107. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**The Committee met in executive session.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1002](#)

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

*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. 1**

*Lefkowitz v. S. Justin Brown, et al.*

Case No. 18 L 12474

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. 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**

Representing a Public Defender in a ARDC matter

Case No. 2019IN02601

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. 4**

*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. 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**

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

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the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 7**

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

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

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. 8**

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. Kuczwara and the  
firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 9**

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. Kuczwara and the  
firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 10**

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. 11**

*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. 12**

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. 13**

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. 14**

*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 No. 15**

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 No. 16**

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. 17**

Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 19 C 0471

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. 18**

*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. 19**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 20-1002. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1030](#)

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

**Case Number:** 17 C 2393

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1030. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1031](#)

**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:** *Marrotta, Joseph, III, v. Thomas J. Dart*

**Case Number:** 17 L 149

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-1031. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1035](#)

**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.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 8117

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 20-1035. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1036](#)

**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.*

**Case Number:** 16 L 7737

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 20-1036. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

[20-1037](#)

**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 Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and**

**file 20-1037. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

20-1041

**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 Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 20-1041. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Morrison (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, Johnson and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary



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