



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

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

11:05 AM

Virtual Meeting

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.

No public speakers

[20-2774](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/19/2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 20-2774. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2610](#)**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*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. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 2*Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146*

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. 3*Maysonet v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 2342

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

Tab Item No. 4*Ross, Denis v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 17 L 744

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Moses Suarez and
the firm of Smith Amundsen, LLC.

Tab Item No. 5*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. 6

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. 7

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. 8

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. 9

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

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. 10

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

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

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. 11

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. 12

Armando Serrano v. City of Chicago, et al. and
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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

Soprom v. Cassidy, et al.

Case No: 19 C 8254

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

Tab Item No. 14

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 20-2610. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2703](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section

March 10, 2020 - June 3, 2020

Labor and Employment Section

February 4, 2020 - June 3, 2020

Medical Litigation Section

February 4, 2020 - June 3, 2020

Municipal Litigation Section

June 1, 2020 - June 5, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 20-2703. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

Committee met in Executive Session.

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

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

[20-2707](#)

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: *Barnes v. Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court*

Case Number: 18 C 2699

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State' s Attorney 20-2707. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2711](#)

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: *Magdalena Milgrom (Estate of Caroline Lozano) v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 19 L 2159

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-2711. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2715](#)

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: *Raymond L. Jones v. Cook County*

Case Number: 18 C 7577

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 20-2715. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2716](#)

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: *Avenu Insights and Analytics, Contractor for Recorder of Deeds*

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 20-2716. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nayes: Degnen (1)

[20-2717](#)

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: *Dept. of Revenue v. McLane Midwest*

Case Number: 19 CH 84 (5th Judicial Circuit, Vermilion County)

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 20-2717. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-2718](#)

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 Degnen, to receive and file 20-2718. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, 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 complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.