

**REPORT OF THE LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

October 13, 2011

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Litigation Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the County Building, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski
(5)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins (2)

Also Present: Commissioner Beavers; Patrick Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State’s Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Laura Lechowicz Felicione – Special Legal Counsel to the President; Peter M. Kramer, Esq. – General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff; Shari Chandra, Michael Gallagher, Maureen O. Hannon, Nicholas Scouffas and Sandra J. Weber – Assistant State’s Attorneys; Terrence F. Gulee, Attorney at Law, Querrey & Harrow; Steven M. Klaczynski – Attorney at Law, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP; Robert T. Shannon – Attorney at Law, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Court
Reporter: Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to receive and file the Litigation Subcommittee Status Report submitted by the States Attorney’s Office. The motion carried.

Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to convene Executive Session. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to concur with the recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office in the matter of *Stanley Howard v. Lawrence Lykowski, et al.*, Case No. 03 C 8481. The motion carried.

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Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Brenda Scott (Estate of Ernest Moore) v. County of Cook*, Case No. 10 L 2242. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Gerald Ritt v. Cook County*, Case No. 08 C 14056. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Defer the matter of Status: Potential Litigation Concerning Operation of The Cook County Department of Corrections – Letter to be Presented at Meeting. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office to authorize invoice payments for Special Counsels as listed in Tab #1 through Tab #14 in Volume 2 which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines.

Tab 1	Rock Fusco, LLC Case No. 11 C 4028	<i>Capra v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 2	Rock Fusco, LLC Case No. 08 C 3613	<i>Lambert v. Jamison, et al.</i>
Tab 3	Rock Fusco, LLC Case No. 10 C 6074	<i>Olayan v. Wasco, et al.</i>
Tab 4	Rock Fusco, LLC Case No. 09 C 5027	<i>Santana v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 5	Rock Fusco, LLC Case No. 10 C 6682	<i>Satkar v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 6	Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 7	Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Case No. 06 CV 5380	<i>Enrique Campillo v. Cook County Sheriff's Dept.</i>
Tab 8	Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Case No. 69 C 2145	<i>Shakman v. Sheriff of Cook County</i>
Tab 9	K&L Gates LLP Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 10	Donohue Brown Matthewson & Smyth LLC Case No. 06 L 4916	<i>Demarco Robinson v. Ghassan D. Aswad, M.D.</i>

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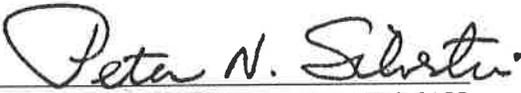
Tab 11	Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP Case No. 10 CV 6348	<i>Edwards, et al. v. Ochoa, et al.</i>
Tab 12	Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Case No. 04 C 3367	<i>Degorski v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 13	Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 14	Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Case No. 10 C 2946	<i>United States of America v. Cook County, et al.</i>

Patrick Driscoll, Jr., Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau, stated that, moving forward, the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney would notify Chairman Silvestri whenever a petition for appointment for outside counsel is filed.

Commissioner Gainer requested that Peter M. Kramer, Esq., General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff, provide information regarding the following questions: What are the tasks and functions required to reach full compliance through the sunset period of the next 3.5 years? Of those tasks, what is unable to be performed by either the State's Attorney or other in house options, including additional in-house personnel? What will the *projected* cost of continued retention of outside counsel be over the 3.5 year timeline? On an annual budget basis for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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PETER N. SILVESTRI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


MATTHEW B. DeLEON, SECRETARY