

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

ROBERT A. LANGENDORF, PC
on behalf of itself and all other persons and
entities similarly situated,

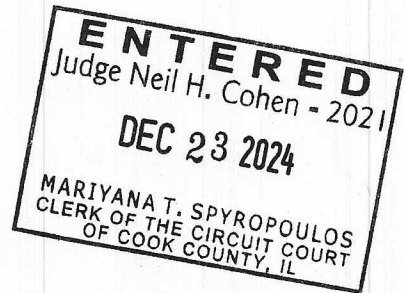
Plaintiff,

v.

THOMAS J. DART, in his official capacity as
COOK COUNTY SHERIFF, and the COUNTY
OF COOK.

Defendants.

Case No. 2020 CH 06129



**ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
CERTIFYING SETTLEMENT CLASS**

This matter coming before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement Agreement, (the "Motion"), after review and consideration of the Settlement Agreement, and having been fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and adjudged as follows:

1. The settlement of this action, as embodied in the terms of the Settlement Agreement attached to the Motion, is hereby preliminarily approved as a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement in the best interests of the Settlement Class in light of the factual, legal, practical, and procedural considerations raised by this case. The Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Order (with capitalized terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement) and is hereby preliminarily adopted as an Order of this Court.

2. For the purpose of settlement, the Court hereby certifies the following Settlement Class:

All persons and entities who from March 14, 2020 to June 30, 2020, (the "Class Period"), requested service of summons through the Sheriff's "e-file" portal, paid the required fee, and whose service of summons were not served due to COVID-19 emergency essential civil process procedures, and whose fees have been retained by the Sheriff, ("Settlement Class").

Excluded from the Settlement Classes is any person who opts out of the class, Defendants, Defendants' agents and employees, and members of the Judiciary.

3. The Court finds that certification, for purposes of settlement, is appropriate in that (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members; (c) Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Plaintiff and his attorneys have fairly and adequately protected the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is the superior means of resolving this controversy.

4. The Court appoints: (i) Robert A. Langendorf, P.C. as the representative of the Settlement Class; and (ii) Larry D. Drury, Ltd., as Class Counsel.

5. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement's plan for class notice ("Class Notice") is the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies the requirements of due process. The Court further finds that such notice satisfies Illinois law and no other notice is necessary. The Class Notice is approved and adopted.

6. The Class Notice shall be sent pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The parties shall provide that notice to the Settlement Class as proposed.

7. The Notice to the Class and Final Approval Order, Judgment and Order of Dismissal is to include Verita as the designated Settlement Administrator with the authority to accept and disburse funds as directed by the Court's approval.

8. The following shall be the deadlines and dates for the acts and events set forth

in the Settlement Agreement and the Parties are directed to incorporate such deadlines and dates in the Class Notice:

- (a) All claims by class members must be submitted to the Claims Administrator by February 27, 2025;
- (b) Requests by any class member to opt out of the settlement must be submitted to the Claims Administrator, counsel for the Defendants and designated Class Counsel for the Plaintiff on or before February 27, 2025, or be forever barred. The Court will rule on all requests for exclusion or opt-outs as part of the Final Approval Hearing;
- (c) Any objections or motions to intervene shall be filed in this action and postmarked and served on counsel for the Sheriff and designated Class Counsel on or before February 27, 2025 or be forever barred;
- (d) Any pleadings responding to objections or motions to intervene shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days prior to the final approval hearing; and
- (e) The Final Approval Hearing is set on March 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom Meeting ID: 940 2402 4757, Password: 739301.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT


Judge

12/03/24
Date