

## *Scharf Banks Marmor Defeats Disciplined Officers’ Claims Against Cook County Sheriff*

Serving as Special State’s Attorney for Cook County and as lead defense counsel for Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Scharf Banks Marmor attorneys had a string of wins in Cook County Chancery Court. In each of these cases former Cook County Sheriff’s officers were found responsible for disciplinary infractions and sued the Sheriff in Circuit Court to challenge the discipline. In *Meza v. Dart* an officer was disciplined for off-duty weapons violations and unbecoming conduct while intoxicated at a bar. In *Robinson v. Dart* an officer was disciplined for off duty sexual misconduct reflecting unfavorably on the Sheriff’s Office. In *Valdez v. Dart* an officer was disciplined for violating the Cook County Sheriff’s Office workplace sexual harassment policy. In *Ferrell v. Dart* an officer was disciplined for use of excessive force on a suspect and in *Cappetta v. Dart* an officer was disciplined for unauthorized absences from their post. Between May and December 2019 Firm attorneys won judgments against the former officers in all of these cases. The *Cappetta*, *Ferrell* and *Valdez* matters resulted in published written opinions which are [available here](#).

The lead attorney on these cases was [George Sax](#). Assisting on the *Valdez* case was [Morgan Churma](#).

