

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF CLAIM DEADLINE
AND OPT-OUT DEADLINE IN SHAKMAN
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

MICHAEL L. SHAKMAN, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	No. 69 C 2145
)	
DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION OF COOK)	
COUNTY, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

The deadline for submitting a Claim Form or Opt-Out Request Form has been extended to August 3, 2007.

On February 2, 2007, the United States District Court approved the Supplemental Relief Order for Cook County settling claims of political discrimination in connection with any aspect of employment on behalf of all past and present employees and applicants for employment with the Cook County departments and agencies under the jurisdiction of the President. On April 20, 2007, and April 25, 2007 County employees received a copy of the Claim Form and Opt-Out Request Form with instructions for submitting a claim if you choose or opting-out of the settlement in this lawsuit. Those Forms indicated June 3, 2007 as the deadline for submitting a Claim Form or Opt-Out Request Form. However, the Court has extended the **deadlines to August 3, 2007.**

If you believe that you were the victim of unlawful political discrimination in connection with any aspect of government employment with the County, including but not limited to hiring, promotion, job assignment, termination, other disciplinary action and overtime, prior to February 2, 2007, you must either (1) submit a claim with the Compliance Administrator or (2) submit a request to opt-out of the settlement to preserve whatever rights you may have to file a lawsuit.

Claim Forms and Opt-Out Request Forms are available on the County website, www.co.cook.il.us and the Shakman Compliance Administrator's website at www.countyshakman.com. Claim Forms can also be obtained from Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP, 111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60606, the State's Attorney's Office in Room 500 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois and from the Shakman Compliance Administrator, Julia M Nowicki, 300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1700B, Chicago, IL 60606. Completed Claim Forms must be received by the Shakman Compliance Administrator no later than August 3, 2007.

**DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT TO OBTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS OR
TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.**

Dated: Chicago, Illinois

Hon. Wayne R. Andersen
United States District Judge