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Shakman Compliance Administrator Releases Sixth Report

CHICAGO - On July 13, 2010, Cook County Compliance Administrator Mary Robinson released her Sixth Report to the Court. This report summarizes the work of the office since the Fifth Report filed in September 2009.

In sum, the Report recites that little progress has been made toward the County achieving substantial compliance with the Supplemental Relief Order (SRO) entered in the Shakman case in November 2006. While there have been important steps toward implementing a new on-line application process and some progress in the development of policies and in training efforts, episodes of evasion and violation of prohibitions on unlawful political discrimination in employment actions continue to abound. Software traces the substantial progress that the County has made in drafting and implementing new positions, procedures and practices important in deterring unlawful political hiring and other employment practices. On the other hand, the Report portrays the types of questionable conduct that still occurs despite the efforts to contain it.

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