

Scharf Banks Marmor Wins Third Appeal in Favor of Cook County Sheriff

On March 26, 2019 the Illinois Appellate Court affirmed dismissal of a putative \$15 million class action lawsuit against the Sheriff of Cook County, ruling that the de facto officer doctrine barred a correctional officer’s class-action challenge to disciplinary decisions of the Cook County Sheriff’s Merit Board rendered between 2011 and 2015. *Acevedo v. Dart, et al.*, 2019 IL App (1st) 181128. The *Acevedo* decision is the Firm’s third recent appellate victory in cases where the Sheriff sought to enforce Merit Board decisions against Sheriff’s Officers for various forms of misconduct. The *Acevedo* decision follows on the heels of favorable outcomes by the Firm in two earlier appeals: *Cruz v Dart*, 2019 IL App (1st) 170915 and *Lopez v. Dart*, 2018 IL App (1st) 170733. The Firm also represented the Sheriff in the *Acevedo* trial court proceedings, resulting in a complete defense judgment in favor of the Sheriff in May 2018. The Firm’s attorneys representing the Sheriff are [Stephanie A. Scharf](#), [Sarah R. Marmor](#) and [George D. Sax](#). A copy of the appellate decision is available [here](#).



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A copy of the second appellate decision re: Cruz v. Dart is available [here](#).

A copy of the first appellate decision re: Lopez v. Dart is available [here](#).