NEWS AND VIEWS

FROM NINETY-FIFTH

CONGRATS
TO ALL OF
OUR
CLIENTS
WHO RAN IN
THE APRIL
4, 2023,
MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS!



REMINDERS!

- School District's
 have 40 days
 after the April 4th
 Election to
 re-organize the
 Board
- Update employee policies to include new "leave" provisions.

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE!

It was a busy Election Season here at Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, Ltd.! Our election law service starts with representing each client with their initial candidate nomination petitions and continues through electoral board hearings, judicial review in all courts, referendum petitions and election day procedures. We would like to congratulate all of our clients who ran hard races and wish them all the best of luck.

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VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

The Election Team represented Will County Clerk, Lauren Staley Ferry against the lawsuit filed by her opponent in the General Election. The lawsuit sought the election to be declared void because the opponent found it "unusual" that Ms. Ferry received more votes in Will County than the Democratic Party Gubernatorial candidate and, based on "theories" and purported "analysis" that the election had been "predetermined" by an algorithm. No further details were pled about this "algorithm" or any other possible, concrete issues the challenger had with the electoral process. The Circuit Court granted our motion to dismiss by reasoning, (i) that it is common knowledge that voters often split their tickets or skip certain races on the ballot and doing so does not indicate anything nefarious, and (ii) that the allegations of "fraud based on a predetermined algorithm" lack any specificity about, for example, who created the algorithm, how it was implemented, loaded, or used, or any other detail necessary to allege any fraud. The court found that the Opponent's allegations were "so highly speculative and improbable that they cannot be used to deprive electors of their right to vote. And, they are insufficient to state a claim."

IN THE NEWS!

Burt was honored to join Mary Ann Ahern & Marion Brooks of NBC Chicago on February 28th and April 4th for two exclusive Election Night Coverage interviews. Burt joined a panel of experts including Delmarie Cobb to discuss voter turn-out, the run off between Paul Vallas & Brandon Johnson, and what's next for Chicago!



A Message from our Founding Partner

OSMFM, Ltd. kicked off Quarter 2 with continued growth and multiple internal promotions! I am proud to announce Amy Zale, Matt Daley & Rob Wilder were promoted to Partners in the firm. I am very pleased to be able to elevate these long-term veterans, who do such quality work. I am also excited to introduce new Associate, Patrick Roberts, & Law Clerk, Lee Smith, who will join our team in the new few weeks. We are looking forward to a successful Q2 here at OSMFM!

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