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OEIG Requests the Office of Illinois Attorney General to Represent it as *amicus curiae* in *Shakman v. Democratic Organization of Cook County et al.*

Chicago: Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza today asked Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to represent the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor as *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) in *Shakman v. Democratic Organization of Cook County et al.*

A copy of the OEIG letter to Attorney General Madigan is attached to this press release. No further comments will be made regarding this matter at this time.

About the Office of Executive Inspector General for Agencies under the Illinois Governor:

The OEIG was created by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430) in 2003. The OEIG receives, evaluates, and investigates allegations of fraud waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, and violations of the 2003 Ethics Act, the 1990 US Supreme Court *Rutan* ruling, and other laws. The 2003 Ethics Act generally prohibits the OEIG from releasing reports of investigations to anyone except state and federal law enforcement agencies, other inspectors general, the heads of agency(ies) involved in the investigation, the appropriate ultimate jurisdictional authority such as the Office of the Governor or the Board of Trustees of a state university, and the Executive Ethics Commission. Only the Executive Ethics Commission has statutory authority to release OEIG reports to the public.