

Exhibit J

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ERIC WILKINS, MAHARI BELL,	)	
ESSENCE JEFFERSON, JOSE	)	
MANUEL ALMANZA, JR., AND	)	
JACQUEZ BEASLEY,	)	
	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Case No. 23-cv-4072
	)	
v.	)	Hon. Mary M. Rowland
	)	
CITY OF CHICAGO	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**DECLARATION OF SHELDON SOLOW
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION**

I, Sheldon Solow, state as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18. I submit this Declaration based on my own personal knowledge and, if called to testify, could and would testify as stated herein.
2. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification in the above-captioned matter to establish that I, along with co-counsel, possess the knowledge, experience and resources to adequately represent the Proposed Plaintiff's class.
3. I am a retired Partner at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer. I am also an Adjunct Professor at Chicago Kent College of Law where I teach classes in Ethics and Advocacy and Professional Responsibility. I am also a faculty member at Harvard Law's Trial Advocacy Workshop.

4. I am a member in good standing of the Illinois Bar. I am a member in good standing of the Northern District of Illinois as well as the Trial Bar. I have been admitted *pro hac vice* in numerous federal courts.

5. I graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1975. I was engaged in the private practice of law continuously for 45 years until my retirement. I have remained active in the pro bono practice thereafter.

6. During my time in practice I served in a fiduciary capacity including most notably as Trustee for Midway Airlines.

7. I do not anticipate any reason that class members would dispute the adequacy of my or my co-counsels' representation.

8. I know of no conflicts among members of the proposed class or between the attorneys and members of the proposed class.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 23, 2025


Sheldon Solow