Lathrop Gage Tosses Motion to Dismiss in Pro Bono Case

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CHICAGO (May 19, 2011) – Lathrop Gage attorneys Jordan Stein (Business Litigation – Chicago) and Bryan Clark (Business Litigation – Chicago) successfully defeated a motion to dismiss two counts in a pro bono case against two police officers from the City of Chicago following the alleged false arrest and use of excessive force against their client.

The client was pulled over as a vehicle's passenger and was allegedly handled roughly and beaten by the arresting officers. An amended complaint was filed by Stein and Clark in December 2010 after the client had filed a pro se complaint. Claiming 1983 civil rights action on the client's behalf, the two arresting officers are being sued on five counts of excessive force, battery, illegal search, conspiracy and spoliation.

After the defendants filed a motion to dismiss the counts of conspiracy and spoliation, the Honorable Judge Joan H. Lefkow agreed with the opposition, rejecting the defendants' motion to dismiss and allowing Stein and Clark to proceed with all claims.

Stein and Clark's practices focus on digital privacy and media defense work, including class action mobile-marketing litigation, TCPA litigation, data breach response and pre-publication review. They have both also been involved in pro bono engagements. Also contributing to the case are Lathrop Gage partner Blaine Kimrey (Business Litigation – Chicago) and Andrew Schulkin (Environmental – Chicago).

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