

CASE SUMMARIES

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Police Pension/Prior Dispatcher Job/Appellate Court Review

Public Pension Law: Affirmed: Police pension board decision that retiring police officer was not entitled to credit for years of service as a police dispatcher before becoming a police officer, as dispatcher's duties were not "investigative," not erroneous. McBride, J.

No. 1-10-0994 [Collins v. The Retirement Board of the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of the City of Chicago](#) Filed 2-08-11 (TJJ)

Plaintiff Esther Collins appeals from the circuit court's order affirming the administrative decision of defendants, the Retirement Board of the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of the City of Chicago, which denied Collins' application for pension service credits for her work as a police dispatcher aide, a civilian employee, for the Chicago police department. On appeal, Collins argues that the Board's interpretation of section 5-214(c) of the Illinois Pension Code was clearly erroneous when it held that her position as a police dispatcher aide, a civilian employee, did not qualify for credit as prior other service. The Appellate Court affirmed the trial court decision.