

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION
3 No. 19 L 10035

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5 ALVIN WADDY,
6 Plaintiff

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8 V.

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10 CITY OF CHICAGO, ET AL.,
11 Defendants

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23 DEPONENT: ALEX OBOLSKY
24 DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023
25 REPORTER: ZOE NYHUS

1 THE REPORTER: We are back on the record for
2 the deposition of Dr. Alexander Obolsky, being
3 conducted by videoconference. My name is Zoe Nyhus.
4 Today is November 20th, 2023. The time is 3:03 p.m.
5 You may continue.

6 BY MR. HILKE:

7 Q. Doctor, you've given the opinion that you need
8 to review or perform a mental examination to decide if a
9 person is mentally competent to plead guilty, right?

10 A. In cases where it -- the issue of competency
11 is raised, the only way to answer that is through an
12 evaluation.

13 Q. Sure, and the same applies to determine if
14 someone is mentally capable of pleading guilty, right?

15 A. How -- I'm -- I'm not -- I don't understand
16 the difference between mentally able and competent?

17 Q. Mentally capable and mentally competent mean
18 the same thing; is that right?

19 A. Yeah. I -- I don't know. I -- I don't use
20 that. The term I use, just competency to plea.

21 Q. Competency to plea, okay. And so, to see if
22 someone's competent to plea, you need to review it. The
23 only way to determine if someone's competent to plea is
24 by doing or performing a mental examination of that
25 person, right?