

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

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PHILIP WEISS, BRIDGET CUEVAS, ROSEMARY SWEARINGEN, THEODORE KALAGERESIS, and KENNETH MERACLE, Plaintiffs v. CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION, LOCAL 1, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO, Defendant.	No. 2024 CH 09334 Judge David B. Atkins Calendar 16	Calendar, 16 40396555
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

1. Plaintiffs-Appellants Philip Weiss, Bridget Cuevas, Rosemary Swearingen, Theodore Kalageresis, and Kenneth Meracle, by and through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rules 301 and 303(a)(1), hereby appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, from the final judgment of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division, entered in the above-captioned cause.

2. The judgment appealed from is the Order entered September 11, 2026, by the Honorable David B. Atkins, granting Defendant Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO's Motion for Summary Judgment on its Obligation to Provide Financial Information, which Order expressly provides that it is a final and appealable order.

3. By this appeal, Plaintiffs-Appellants seek reversal of the Circuit Court's September 11, 2026 Order granting summary judgment in favor of Defendant-Appellee, and entry of judgment in favor of Plaintiffs-Appellants, or, in the alternative, remand of this cause to the Circuit Court for further proceedings consistent with the ruling of the Appellate Court.

Dated: October 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James McQuaid counsel for Plaintiffs-Appellants, hereby certify that on October 8, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal to be served upon the following counsel of record for Defendant-Appellee by electronic mail and by filing the same via the Odyssey eFileIL system, which will send notification of such filing to the email address of record:

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