

**OPINION SUMMARY**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

THE ST. LOUIS POLICE LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION,	)	No. ED101377
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis
	)	
vs.	)	Honorable David Dowd
	)	
ST. LOUIS BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, et al.,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	Filed: July 7, 2015

At the heart of this matter is a collective-bargaining dispute involving the St. Louis Police Metropolitan Police Department that was pending when control of the police department transferred from the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners to the City of St. Louis. Prior to that change, the St. Louis Police Leadership Organization sought recognition as the exclusive collective-bargaining representative for two proposed bargaining units comprised of various commissioned officers of the St. Louis Police Department. The Board denied those requests. The labor organization instituted a declaratory-judgment action, seeking review of the Board's actions. Control over the police department changed while that action was pending in the circuit court. Three months after this change, the circuit court entered judgment, ruling against the labor organization on the merits. The organization appeals that ruling.

**APPEAL DISMISSED; CAUSE REMANDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS**

**DIVISION ONE HOLDS:** Because the Board is now dissolved and control over the police department rests with the City of St. Louis, granting effectual relief by the court is impossible. The dispute between the labor organization and the Board is therefore moot.

Opinion by: Lawrence E. Mooney, P.J. Clifford H. Ahrens, J., and Lisa Van Amburg, J., concur.

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