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**Announcement**

**Lackawanna Bar Association – Dates to Remember**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>March 8, 2023</b>	<b>Free Zoom CLE</b>

***Board Meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Monthly at noon***

***YLD Board Meetings - Monthly***

## LACKAWANNA BAR ASSOCIATION CLE CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all CLE seminars are video replays.

LBA Members - \$25.00 fee for each hour increment.

Non-members are welcome to attend courses.

Non-members - \$60.00 fee per hour increment.

Please register with Kaitlin [kmcdonough@lackawannabar.org](mailto:kmcdonough@lackawannabar.org) to reserve your seat.

### February CLE Calendar

#### February 13

12:00-1:00 Wage and Hour Compliance (1 SUB)

#### February 14

2:00-3:00 Billy Joel and the Practice of Law (1 ETH)

#### February 15

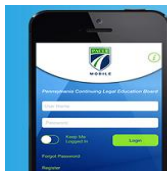
1:00-2:00 Denial: The Movie and the Law (1 SUB)

#### February 16

9:30-10:30 Professionalism and the Ethical Practice of Law (1 ETH)

#### February 17

11:00-12:00 Life of a Supreme Court Justice (1 SUB)



## PA CLE MOBILE

IT IS NOW FAST, EASY AND FREE TO MANAGE CLE COMPLIANCE ON YOUR IOS DEVICE.



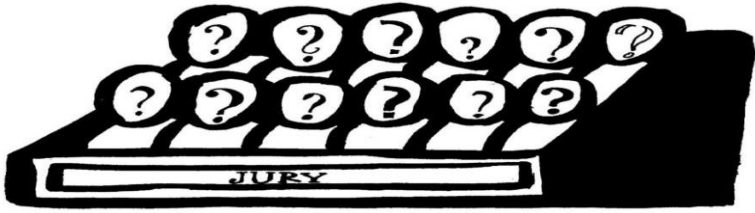
#### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

In-house CLE credits for members - \$25.00 per hour.

Non-members - \$60.00 per hour.

Payment for CLE credit is due on the day you attend the course.

Your credits will be reported to the PA CLE Board. Reporting of credit is made only after full payment is received. The LBA does not invoice for CLE credit.



# MOCK TRIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Trial Dates:

Semi-Finals

February 28

Finals

March 7

Please contact Mackenzie Wilson  
at [mwilson@munley.com](mailto:mwilson@munley.com)  
to volunteer or for more  
information.

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### Guardianship Tracking System Online Workshops: Winter 2023

#### > Overview

The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) is offering a series of online workshops that show court-appointed guardians how to use the new Guardianship Tracking System (GTS). The GTS makes it possible for guardians of adult incapacitated persons to file inventory and annual reports online from any internet-accessible computer.

These online workshops are conducted through WebEx. Registration is required. You are welcome to attend any session that fits your schedule.

#### > Workshop Topics

- Overview of the GTS
- How to log in to the GTS
- How to navigate the GTS Dashboard
- How to submit guardianship reports online
- How to determine if a report was accepted by the court
- Discuss additional support for GTS submissions

*\*This is the same subject matter covered in all past workshops, but these classes will be conducted in the new look GTS.*


#### > Online Workshop Schedule

<b>January 10</b>	<b>8am</b>	Both registration and the workshop are completed through WebEx. Attending a session requires a computer or laptop with an internet connection.
<b>January 26</b>	<b>2pm</b>	
<b>February 8</b>	<b>10am</b>	
<b>February 24</b>	<b>9am</b>	
<b>March 6</b>	<b>1pm</b>	
<b>March 23</b>	<b>5pm</b>	

### GTS Workshop Registration Instructions

Any person planning on attending a workshop must register for their preferred session through WebEx.

Registration can be completed using the following steps:

1. Go to the registration webpage: <https://pacourts.webex.com>
2. On this webpage, click on the three horizontal lines  appearing to the left and select **WebEx Training** from the menu. **Note:** The WebEx Training page may try to open in a new browser page or tab. If you have popup blockers enabled, the page may not open. You may need to disable popup blockers, or authorize one-time access if prompted, and then try opening the page again.
3. A full list of training classes offered by the AOPC display – Look for classes with a topic name starting with the acronym **GTS**. If needed, hover your mouse pointer over any of these topic names to see the full name of the class.
4. Click on the **Register** link for the preferred training class.
5. Complete the registration page. All fields are required. Please provide as much registration information as possible. If there are items that do not apply to the person registering, enter **NONE** in the field.
6. Click the **Register** button at the bottom of the screen. You will receive an e-mail confirming your registration and a reminder e-mail will be sent a few days prior to training.

You will receive instructions for logging into the online classroom and printable training documents will be e-mailed to you prior to your scheduled session.

*Cancellations: If you register for a class and later decide not to attend, instructions for cancelling a registration are included in the confirmation and reminder emails.*



# \*FREE\* ZOOM CLE

## “Top Ten Tips for Harnessing Technology in Mediation”

1 SUB

*Wednesday, March 8, 2023*

*12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm*

*Presented by:*

*Leah Kane & JP Cardoni*

Exhibit A™

digital presentations for litigators

showcase

MULTIMEDIA SETTLEMENT VIDEOS

*Must Register with Kaitlin*

*[kmcdonough@lackawannabar.org](mailto:kmcdonough@lackawannabar.org)*

*Zoom Link and Materials will be emailed prior to the CLE*

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IN RE: ADOPTION OF  
LACKA. CO. R.C.P. 175 AND  
AMENDMENTS TO LACKA. CO.  
R.C.P. 208.3(a), 211(c), 214(e), 214.2(a)  
and (c), 1028(c), 1034(a), 1035.2(a), and  
4000.1(a) GOVERNING THE USE OF  
ADVANCED COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGY (ACT) IN CIVIL  
PROCEEDINGS

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
: OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

: NO. 23 CV 1

MAURI B. KELLY  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY  
2023 JAN 12 P 2:36  
CLERK OF JUDICIAL  
RECORDS CIVIL DIVISION

ORDER

AND NOW, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, in accordance with Pa.R.Civ.P. 239 and Pa.R.J.A. 103(d), and inasmuch as (1) Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(4) requires all proposed local rules to “be submitted in writing to the appropriate Rules Committee for review,” and provides that the adopting court may “not proceed with the proposed local rule until it receives written notification from the appropriate Rules Committee that the proposed local rule is not inconsistent with any general rule of the Supreme Court,” (2) the attached local rules were submitted by the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee for its review and approval, and (3) on January 11, 2023, the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County received written notification from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee that the attached “local rules are not inconsistent with the statewide rules and are approved for publication pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(5)”, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the attached Lackawanna County Rules of Civil Procedure are adopted and amended as follows:

1. New Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 175 is adopted as reflected in the attached Rule 175 which appears in bold type and italics for ease of reference;



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2. Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208.3(a), 211(c), 214(e), 214.2(a) and (c), 1028(c), 1034(a), 1035.2(a), and 4000.1(a) are amended as reflected in the attached Rules with the amended language appearing in bold type and italics for ease for reference;

3. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(5) and (6), the attached Local Rules shall be disseminated and published in the following manner:

- (a) One (1) copy of the attached Local Rules shall be filed with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts;
- (b) Two (2) paper copies of the attached Local Rules shall be distributed to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*;
- (c) The Legislative Reference Bureau shall also be provided with a copy of the attached Local Rules on a computer diskette, CD-ROM, or other agreed upon alternative format that complies with the requirements of 1 Pa. Code § 13.11(b);
- (d) A copy of the attached Local Rules shall be published on the website of the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County which is maintained by the County of Lackawanna;
- (e) The attached Local Rules shall be kept continuously available for public inspection and copying in the Office of the Clerk of Judicial Records, Civil Division, and upon request and payment of reasonable costs of reproduction and mailing, the Clerk of Judicial Records shall furnish any requesting person with a copy of attached Local Rules; and
- (f) A copy of the attached Local Rules shall be distributed to the Lackawanna Bar Association for publication in the *Lackawanna Jurist* and on the website of the Lackawanna Bar Association.

4. The adoption of Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 175 and the amendments to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208.3(a), 211(c), 214(e), 214.2(a) and (c), 1028(c), 1034(a), 1035.2(a), and 4000.1(a) shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of their publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in compliance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(5)(iii); and

5. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(6)(iii), the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County shall incorporate the attached Local Rules in the complete set of the Lackawanna County Rules of Civil Procedure no later than thirty (30) days following their publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

BY THE COURT:

 P.J.  
President Judge Trish Corbett

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### THE BUSINESS OF THE COURT

#### **Rule 175: Use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT).**

- (a) ACT includes any communication equipment that is used as a link between the court and others in physically separate locations, such as any system providing for two-way simultaneous communication of both video and sound, or telephone or internet-based audio communication in which all parties can hear and be heard.**
- (b) Consistent with past practice, the court has the discretion to schedule and conduct certain court proceedings by Advanced Communication Technology ("ACT"), subject to any limitation imposed under the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, Pennsylvania law, or these rules**
- (c) ACT shall not be used to conduct jury selection, jury trials, final pre-trial conferences, settlement conferences, or any type of proceeding involving the presentation of documentary or testimonial evidence, except as otherwise provided below.**
- (d) The court has the discretion to utilize ACT to conduct initial status conferences, scheduling conferences, the presentation of uncontested motions or petitions, oral arguments on contested motions or petitions, or uncontested hearings involving court approval of settlements.**
- (e) Any party may request to participate in any proceeding under Rule 175(d) in person or by ACT, and shall state in the request whether each party opposes or concurs with that request. The presiding judge has the discretion to grant or deny the request.**
- (f) The court shall provide counsel and self-represented litigants with notice of the date and time of the proceeding and shall furnish them with the log-in or call-in information and access codes for the ACT proceeding.**
- (g) The public shall be permitted access to court proceedings conducted via ACT, unless such access is prohibited or limited by statute or rule, or the presiding judge has closed the proceeding to the public in conformity with the applicable law.**

### PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE GENERALLY

#### **Rule 208.3(a) Motion Procedure**

A party seeking relief from the court by way of motion shall serve all counsel and unrepresented parties with a copy of the motion, together with notice that the motion will be presented to the court on a date certain, at least (3) business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the date of presentation. Except for discovery motions which are governed by Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 4000, 4000.1, 4012, 4013 and 4019, any motion defined by Pa.R.Civ.P. 208.a shall be presented in Motions Court which shall be held daily by the designated Motions Court judge. ***Uncontested or stipulated motions or petitions shall be presented for consideration by emailing the motion or petition, together with a proposed Order for execution by the Motions Court judge, to [CivilMotion@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:CivilMotion@lackawannacounty.org).*** ***The original uncontested or stipulated motion or petition must be filed by the moving or petitioning party with the Clerk of Judicial Records. Contested or opposed motions or petitions shall be presented in-person to the designated Motions Court judge in the assigned courtroom on Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m. and by the court en banc on the last Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.*** Counsel and *pro se* litigants who desire to present ***an opposed or contested motion or petition*** in Motions Court shall write their names legibly in the motion book maintained for such purposes. Unless otherwise directed by the

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Motions Court judge, all ***opposed or contested*** motions or ***petitions*** shall be heard in order in which the names appear in the motion book. Motion court involving domestic relations and orphans' court matters shall be held by judges assigned to the family court division and the orphans' court division. [at the times and on the days designated by the Court Administrator]. Whenever practicable, emergency motions shall likewise be presented in Motion Court pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208.3(a). In the event that an emergency motion cannot be presented in Motion Court, the party or counsel presenting an emergency motion shall submit the motion to the Court Administrator who will assign the emergency motion to an available judge under Pa.R.Civ.P. 249 for disposition. The Motions Court judge may dispose of the motion at the time of initial consideration or may defer any ruling and, in the interim, either (i) set forth procedures for disposition of the motion pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 208(4)(a)(2) or (b)(1), or (ii) direct the parties to proceed under Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211.

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### Rule 211. Disposition of Motions and Petitions.

(a) To assign a motion or petition to a judge for disposition or to schedule a motion or petition for argument where a rule returnable does not set a schedule, a party shall file with the Clerk of Judicial Records and the Court Administrator a praecipe for assignment. See Appendix, Form 2.

(b) Prior to filing a praecipe of assignment, the moving or petitioning party shall contact counsel for all other parties of record to determine whether an opposing party or lawyer wishes to present oral argument. The moving or petitioning party shall indicate on the praecipe for assignment whether the matter is being submitted on briefs and without the necessity of oral argument or is to be scheduled for argument by the Court Administrator. No praecipe for assignment will be accepted by the Clerk of Judicial Records or the Court Administrator unless the moving or petition party has indicated in writing whether the matter is to be submitted on briefs or scheduled for oral argument.

(c) The Court Administrator shall assign motions and petitions to the judges of the court on a rotating basis and shall establish a briefing schedule for the parties. ***The notice of assignment shall state whether the oral argument will be conducted in person or by ACT pursuant to Lacka.Co.R.C.P. 175(c). No oral argument will be transcribed by a court reporter unless a party or counsel specifically requests such transcription at least one week prior to the scheduled argument by contacting the Chief Court Reporter in writing in order to make advance arrangements for the physical or remote presence of an assigned court reporter to transcribe the oral argument.***

(d) The original of a party's brief shall be filed with the Clerk of Judicial Records and copies shall be provided to the assigned judge and all opposing counsel in accordance with the schedule set by the Court Administrator.

(e) If the moving or petitioning party fails to timely file and serve a brief, or fails to appear at oral argument, if requested, the matter may be dismissed by the court as of course. The judge to whom supplemental briefing by the parties.

(f) If any party other than the moving or petitioning party fails to timely file and serve a brief, that party may be deemed not to oppose the motion or petition and may not be allowed to present oral argument.

(g) No case listed for argument will be continued except for good cause shown to the satisfaction of the court.

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### Rule 214. Listing Cases for Hearing or Trial.

(a) The Court Administrator shall assign a case for hearing or trial upon the filing of a Certificate of Readiness in the form attached to the Appendix of these Local Rules as Form 7. The Certificate of Readiness should identify the judge who has decided any case dispositive motions under Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 1028, 1034, or 1035.2 and whenever practicable, the Court Administrator shall assign the case for hearing or trial to the judge who has decided that case dispositive motion.

(b) No Certificate of Readiness may be filed until all discovery in the case has been completed and all depositions for use at trial have been scheduled or completed, nor may a Certificate of Readiness be filed if any case dispositive motion is pending for disposition by the court. The filing of a Certificate of Readiness shall constitute a verification that no case dispositive motions are pending nor does any party or attorney contemplate filing such a case dispositive motion.

(c) No Party or lawyer may file more than one Certificate of Readiness on any single day.

(d) At least fifteen (15) days prior to the filing of a Certificate of Readiness, the party or lawyer seeking to certify the case for trial must advise all counsel of record and self-represented parties of the intention to file a Certificate of Readiness. If no counsel or party objects to the filing of a Certificate of Readiness within that fifteen (15) day period, the Certificate of Readiness may be filed as provided by paragraphs (b) and (c) above. In the event that an attorney or party objects to the filing of a Certificate of Readiness and the attorney or party seeking to certify the case for trial believes that the objection is frivolous or being asserted for an improper purpose such as to unnecessarily delay the disposition of the litigation, the attorney or party seeking to certify the case for trial shall present a motion to the Motion Court judge pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208(a) requesting leave of court to file a Certificate of Readiness over the objection of the opposing party or counsel.

***(e) Upon the filing of a Certificate of Readiness, the Court Administrator shall promptly schedule a status conference before the assigned judge and forward notice of the conference to all counsel and unrepresented parties. The assigned judge shall determine, and the notice shall state, whether the status conference will be conducted in person or by ACT pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 175(c). During the status conference, the assigned judge will schedule dates certain for trial and the final pre-trial conference.***

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### Rule 214.2. Assignment of Medical Professional Liability Actions and Protracted Cases

(a) Following the filing of a Complaint by the plaintiff pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1042.2 and the entry of appearance by the defendant(s) or defense counsel pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1012(a) or Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 200.1(a) in all medical professional liability actions subject to the reporting requirements set forth in Pa.R.Civ.P. 1042.51(c), the Court Administrator shall assign the case to the judges of the court on a rotating basis and shall promptly schedule a status conference before that judge and forward notice of the conference to all counsel and unrepresented parties. ***The notice shall state whether the status conference will be conducted in person or by ACT pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 175(c).*** During the status conference, the assigned judge will establish deadlines for the completion of discovery, the

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exchange of expert witness reports and the filing of case dispositive motion, and schedule dates certain for trial and the final pre-trial conference. All preliminary objections, motions for judgment on the pleadings, motions for summary judgment, and other case dispositive motions, discovery motions, and other pre-trial motions will be addressed to, served upon and decided by the assigned judge.

(b) Any other case that will require at least eight (8) days of total trial time, including jury selection, may be designed as a protracted case and assigned to a judge of the court on a rotating basis for pre-trial and trial purposes. A case may be designed as a protracted case upon the filing of a Certification of Protracted Case Designation, subject to the provisions of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1023.1 and 1023.4 with the concurrence of all counsel of record and unrepresented parties in the form attached to the Appendix of these Local Rules as Form 7A. In the event that all counsel and unrepresented parties do not concur with the designation of a case as a protracted case, the party seeking such designation may present a motion to the Motions Court Judge pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208.3(a) requesting the designation of the case as a protracted case. The motion requesting designation as a protracted case must set forth with specificity, and subject to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1023.1 to 1023.4, the reason(s) why the case warrants designation as a protracted case.

(c) A Certification for Protracted Case Designation (Form 7A) or a motion requesting the designation of a case as a protracted case may be filed following the filing of a complaint by the plaintiff and entry of appearance by all defense counsel and unrepresented parties pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1012(a) and Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 200.1(a). Once a Certification for Protracted Case Designation or an Order of the Court designating a case as a protracted case has been filed, the Court Administrator shall assign the case for a judge of the court on a rotating basis and shall promptly schedule a status conference before the assigned judge and forward notice of that conference to all counsel of record and unrepresented parties. ***The notice shall state whether the status conference will be conducted in person or by ACT pursuant to Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 175(c).*** During the status conference, the assigned judge will establish deadlines for the completion of discovery, the exchange of expert witness reports and the filing of a case dispositive motions, and schedule dates certain for trial and the final pre-trial conference. After a case has been designated as a protracted case and assigned to a judge, all case dispositive motions, discovery motions, and other pre-trial motions in a protracted case will be addressed to, served upon and decided by the assigned judge.

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### Rule 1028(c) Preliminary Objections

A party filing preliminary objections shall file the original preliminary objections with the Clerk of Judicial Records and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Court Administrator together with a praecipe for assignment in accordance with Lacka. Co. 211. The party filing a praecipe for assignment shall comply with the requirements of Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211(b) prior to filing the praecipe for assignment. The filing of briefs, assignment of preliminary objections, and scheduling of oral argument, if necessary, shall be governed by Lacka. Co. R.C.P. ***175(c) and 211(c)-(g).***

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### Rule 1034. Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings.

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- (a) A party filing a motion for judgment on the pleadings shall file the original motion for judgment on the pleadings with the Clerk of Judicial Records and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Court Administrator together with the praecipe for assignment in accordance with Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211. The party filing a praecipe for assignment shall comply with the requirements of Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211(b) prior to filing the praecipe for assignment. The filing of briefs, assignment of motion for judgment on the pleadings, and scheduling of oral argument, if necessary, shall be governed by Lacka. Co. R.C.P. **175(c) and 211 (c)-(g)**.

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### Rule 1035.2. Motion for Summary Judgment.

- (a) A party filing a motion for summary judgment shall file the original motion for summary judgment with the Clerk of Judicial Records and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Court Administrator together with a praecipe for assignment in accordance with Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211. The party filing a praecipe for assignment shall comply with the requirements of Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 211(b) prior to filing the praecipe for assignment. The filing of briefs, assignment of motion for summary judgment and scheduling of oral argument, if necessary, shall be governed by Lacka. Co. R.C.P. **175(c) and 211(c)-(g)**.

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### Rule 4000.1. Discovery Motion Court

- (a) Except for medical professional liability actions and protracted cases governed by Lacka. R.C.P. 214.2, all discovery motions shall be presented to the Discovery Motions Court judge. ***Uncontested or stipulated discovery motions or petitions shall be presented for consideration by emailing the motion or petition, together with a proposed Order for execution by the Discovery Motions Court judge, to [DiscoveryMotion@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:DiscoveryMotion@lackawannacounty.org). The original uncontested or stipulated discovery motion or petition must be filed by the moving or petitioning party with the Clerk of Judicial Records. Contested or opposed discovery motions or petitions shall be presented in-person*** to the Discovery Motions Court judge who shall hear motions in the Lackawanna County Courthouse on Monday and Thursday at 9:30 AM in the courtroom designated by the Court Administrator, unless otherwise agreed by counsel or the Discovery Motions Court judge or by order of the Discovery Motions Court judge.

- (b) In the event that the Discovery Motions Court Judge is unavailable on Monday or Thursday at 9:30 AM, and unless otherwise agreed by counsel for the Discovery Motions Court judge, discovery motions shall be presented to the Motions Court judge in compliance with Lacka. Co. R.C.P. 208.3(a).

## LACKAWANNA JURIST

BY VIRTUE OF CERTAIN WRITS OF EXECUTION ISSUED OUT OF THE COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY, THE SHERIFF WILL EXPOSE AT PUBLIC SALE, BY VENUE OR OUTCRY, ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE DESCRIBED LOTS, PIECES OR PARCELS OF LAND TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS (SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF ANY UNPAID TAXES) AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ON FRIDAY, **MARCH 10, 2023** AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON OF SAID DATE.

***A DEPOSIT OF 10% OF THE BID PRICE IS TO BE PAID IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK IMMEDIATELY TO THE SHERIFF AT THE TIME OF THE BID. IN THE EVENT THAT 10% IS NOT PAID IMMEDIATELY, THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AGAIN AT THE END OF THE CURRENT SALE. SAID DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED IN THE EVENT THE BALANCE OF THE BID PRICE IS NOT PAID BY 2 O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF SAID DATE. FULL COMPLIANCE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT IS DUE BY TWO O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAID DATE.***

### **SALE 1**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution No. 16-4848, U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of Dwelling Series IV Trust vs. John J. Stranieri III, Sara Stranieri.

Docket #: 2016-04848

Property to be sold is situated in the borough/township of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Commonly known as: 132 South Fillmore Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504

Parcel #: 14513060033

Improvements thereon of the residential dwelling or lot (if applicable):

Judgment Amount: \$115,268.75

Attorneys for Plaintiff:

Catherine Aponte, Esq.

1325 Franklin Avenue

Suite 160

Garden City, NY 11530

(212) 471-5100

### **SALE 2**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 21-4054, Mortgage Assets Management vs. Eric Myers, Mary Myers, owner(s) of property situate in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, being 1817 Ross Ave, Scranton, PA 18509.

Property ID#: 13509020017

Assessed Value Figure:

Improvements thereon: Residential

Attorney: Pincus Law Group, PLLC

Sheriff to collect: \$65,446.34

### **SALE 3**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 21CV4905, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2019-22TT vs. SUSAN J. KNAPP, owner(s) of property situate in Borough of Winton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, being 325 Dolph Street, Jessup, PA 18434.

Assessment Map #: 10418040056

Assessed Value Figure: \$5,000.00

Improvements thereon: A residential dwelling

Attorney: KML Law Group, P.C.

Sheriff to collect: \$97,412.20

### **SALE 4**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 20-CV-4485, Kevin Cunningham vs. Nicole Fife, owner(s) of property situate in City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, being 220 Linden St, Apt 310, Scranton, PA 18503.

Assessment Map #: 1453-CON-01071

Assessed Value Figure: \$5,496

Improvements thereon: A residential dwelling

Condo Unit

Attorney: John J. McGovern, Esq.

Sheriff to collect: \$71,116.40

## LACKAWANNA JURIST

### SALE 5

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
A Florida professional limited liability company  
133 Gaither Drive, Suite F  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054  
(855) 225-6906  
Fax: (866) 381-9549  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff vs. DIANA DIMARZIO Defendant(s)  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY NO: 2022-02453  
ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PIECES OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE BOROUGH OF THROOP, IN THE COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA:  
BEING KNOWN AS: 662 SANDERSON ST, THROOP, PA 18512.  
BEING PARCEL # PIN: 12517020016  
DIMENSIONS: 50 X 155 BLDG & LAND  
TOTAL VALUE: \$7,000  
IMPROVEMENTS:  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
By: Robert Fiacco, Esq ID #325024  
Robert Crawley, Esq ID No. 319712  
Attorney for Plaintiff

### SALE 6

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2020-CV-4190, The Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Neil G. Wicker, a/k/a Neil Wicker, Defendant and Owner of the properties situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA, being known as 908 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505 and 916 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505. The dimensions of the property located at 908 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505 are 86' x 170' x 40' x 44' x 130' more or less. The dimensions of the property located at 916 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505 are 40' x 160' more or less.  
Property ID#: 16712-030-01201 & 16712-030-028  
Assessed Value: \$25,000.00  
Improvements Thereon:  
908 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505 improved with a single residential dwelling.  
916 E. Elm Street, Scranton, PA 18505 improved with a multi residential dwelling.  
Attorney: Rocco Haertter, Esquire  
Sheriff to Collect: \$98,677.68

### SALE 7

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2021-04167 American Advisors Group vs. Michael Scaturro, Known Heir of Michael J. Scaturro, Deceased; Joseph Scaturro, Known Heir of Michael J. Scaturro, Deceased; Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or under Michael J. Scaturro, deceased, owner(s) of property situated in City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA being 1318 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509  
Dimensions: 40' x 210'  
Assessment Map #: 14609040038  
Assessed Value figure: \$9,500.00  
Improvements thereon:  
a residential dwelling  
Attorney: SAMANTHA GABLE, ESQUIRE  
Sheriff to Collect: \$80,116.23

### SALE 9

BY VIRTUE of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 16 CV 7108  
Plaintiff: PA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY  
Vs. Defendant: SANDZHAR DAGIYANOV  
Real Estate: 828-830 Alder Street, Scranton, PA 18505  
Municipality: City of Scranton Lackawanna County, PA  
Dimensions: 40 x 162  
See Instrument # 201116682  
Assessment Map: 15620-070-036  
Assessed Value: \$12,000  
Improvements thereon:  
A residential dwelling house  
Attorney: Leon P. Haller, Esquire Purcell, Krug & Haller  
Sheriff to collect: \$141,069.75 (Total amount of Judgment)\*  
\*With costs, interest, late charges and taxes, etc. as may accrue.



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### SALE 10

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2022, NET Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel J. Kachinski, Defendant and Owner of the property situate in the Township of Ransom, Lackawanna County, PA, being known as 2733 Ledge Drive, Ransom Township, PA 18411. Dimensions: 470 feet x 157 feet x 210 feet x 185 feet x 950 feet x 107 feet x 132 feet more or less

Property ID #: 14204-010-004

Assessed Value: \$2,914.00

Improvements Thereon:

Improved with a Residential Dwelling

Attorney: Paul A. Kelly, Jr., Esquire

Sheriff to Collect: \$55,433.85

### SALE 11

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 22-CV-3877 NEWREZ LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING vs. ELIZABETH A. GRAHAM and EDWARD J. GRAHAM, owner(s) of property situate in Borough of Dalton, Lackawanna County, PA. Being: 208 South Turnpike, Dalton, PA 18414 Assessment Map #: 0681505001300 Assessed Value Figure: \$10,757.00

Improvements thereon:

A Residential Dwelling

Attorney: KML Law Group, P.C.

Sheriff to collect: \$81,648.04

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF DALTON, COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, PA

### SALE 12

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 22CV325 Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. John Garrity, owner(s) of property situated in Borough of Jessup, Lackawanna County, PA being 318 Dolph Street, Jessup, PA 18434 Dimensions: 7,500 sq ft

Assessment Map #: 10418040033

Assessed Value figure: \$9,000.00

Improvements thereon:

a residential dwelling

Attorney: SAMANTHA GABLE, ESQUIRE

Sheriff to Collect: \$164,811.42

### SALE 13

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2012 Civil 05553, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of the Security National Mortgage Loan Trust 2014-1 vs. Thomas J.

Charles, Jr. and Lisa A. Charles owners of property situate in the twenty-first Ward of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA being 1123 Eureka Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504.

Front: irregular

Depth: irregular

Property ID #: 13419-040-029

Assessed Value figure: \$23,000

Improvements thereon: Residential Real Estate

Attorney: Matthew C. Fallings, Esq.

Sheriff to collect: \$138,500.92

### SALE 14

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2022-02612 PNC Bank, National Association v Whitney F. Petrilak, AKA Whitney Petrilak owner(s) of property situate in Township of Scott, Lackawanna County, PA being 1857 Heart Lake Road, Scott Township, PA 18433 Dimensions: 0.29A & 50253 Property ID#: 04201030009, 0420103001001 Assessed Value Figure: \$10,9000.00

Improvements thereon:

single family dwelling

Attorney: Katherine M. Wolf, Esquire; Scott A. Dieterick, Kimberly J. Hong, Michael E.

Carleton, Meredith H. Wooters, Matthew P.

Curry, Alyk L. Oflazian and Cristina L. Connor

Sheriff to collect: \$32,003.33

### SALE 15

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 18-CV-1123, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021BKM-TT-V vs. Scott Erb, owner of property situate in the City of Scranton, and Lackawanna County, PA being 806 Eynon Street, Scranton, PA 18504.

Front: irregular

Depth: irregular

Property ID#: 15610-040-007

Assessed Value figure: \$6,850.00

Improvements thereon:

Residential Real Estate

Attorney: Edward J. McKee, Esq.

Sheriff to collect: \$88,611.46

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**SALE 16**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution No. 2020-52009 Scott Township Sewer and Water Authority vs. Scott Allen Kim Holland. Scott Allen and Kim Holland, owner(s) of property situate in Scott Township, Lackawanna County, PA being: 900 Lakeland Drive  
Dimensions: 150x330x76x79x347  
Property ID#: 07203-020-018  
Assessed Value Figure: \$7,000.00  
Improvements thereon:  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
Attorney: ROBERT P. DADAY, Esquire,  
DAVID D. DUGAN, Esquire, Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd., (866)211-9466  
Sheriff to Collect: \$8,461.49

**NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST AND CLAIMANTS:** A SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION OF ONLY **HIGH BID SALES** WILL BE FILED BY THE SHERIFF NOT LATER THAN **APRIL 10, 2023** AND THAT DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID SCHEDULE UNLESS EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED THERETO WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

**MARK P. MCANDREW  
SHERIFF OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

ATTEST:

**BOB MOORE  
REAL ESTATE DEPUTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SCRANTON, PA 18503**

**DECEMBER 5, 2022**

## LACKAWANNA JURIST

### ESTATES

#### **First Notice**

**ESTATE OF LOUIS D. ASTOLFI**, Roaring Brook Township, Lackawanna County, PA, died September 17, 2022, Letters Administration granted, all persons having claims against said Estate, shall make them known, present them and all indebted to decedent shall make immediate notification to Louis C. Astolfi, Executor, or to Caputo & Mariotti, P.C., 730 Main Street, Moosic, PA 18507.

**ESTATE OF ELVIRA BRENNAN, a/k/a ELVIRA ANN BRENNAN, a/k/a ELVIRA A. BRENNAN** late of Scranton PA. (Died: November 25, 2022). Michele B. Balon, or Albert E. Nicholls, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 1421 E. Drinker Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512. HUGHES, NICHOLLS & O'HARA

**RE: ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JOACHIM FREZZOLINI**, Estate No. 35-32-00009, Deceased, late of Scott Township, Lackawanna County, PA died August 20, 2021. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary have been granted in the above estate. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make payments, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Administratrix BEVERLY FREZZOLINI c/o ATTY. Paul J. LaBelle, 3703 BIRNEY AVENUE, MOOSIC, PA 18507.

**ESTATE OF IRVING H. JONES** of Moscow, Pennsylvania (died December 26, 2022). All persons indebted to the estate shall make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same without delay to the Executrix, Elizabeth Church, or Richard A. Fanucci, Attorney for the Estate, 1711 Main Street, Blakely, PA 18447. RICHARD A. FANUCCI, ESQ.

**ESTATE OF DOMINIC B. MAZZA, AKA DOMINIC MAZZA**, late of Jessup, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died December 7, 2022). Letters Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all person having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to Richard L. Mazza and Dominic L. Mazza, Personal Representatives, or to Joseph S. Toczydlowski, Jr., Esquire of the Toczydlowski Law Office, 723 North Main Street, Archbald, PA 18403.

**ESTATE OF MARGARET MCHALE**, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died January 9, 2023). Letters Testamentary having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against estate of decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to said decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Sean Creegan, Executor, 10 Eastwood Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17015, or to James J. Gillotti, of Oliver, Price & Rhodes, Attorney for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, P.O. Box 240, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411.

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW MITCHKO, A/K/A JOHN A. MITCHKO**, Archbald, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration in the above estate have been granted to John E. Mitchko and Corey M. Mitchko. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment and all having claims against said estate will present them without delay to: Marissa McAndrew, Esquire, McAndrew Law Offices, PC, 630 Main Street, Forest City, PA 18421, (570) 785 – 3333. Attorney for the Estate.

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY G NIEMIEC**, ESTATE 35 2023 0066, DECEASED, LATE OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA: DIED JANUARY 4, 2023. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVE BEEN GRANTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE. ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE PAYMENTS, AND THOSE HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS ARE TO PRESENT THE SAME WITHOUT DELAY TO JOHN NIEMIEC, 814 DALE DRIVE, SCRANTON, PA. 18504

**ESTATE OF JOHN PAPARELLI** of Jessup, Pennsylvania (died December 13, 2022). All persons indebted to the estate shall make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same without delay to the Executor, Michael Paparelli, or Richard A. Fanucci, Attorney for the Estate, 1711 Main Street, Blakely, PA 18447. RICHARD A. FANUCCI, ESQ.

**RE: Estate of KATHLEEN C. REZYKOWSKI**, late of Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died August 19, 2022). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate have been issued to ELAINE CALLIS, Administrator of the Estate. All those having claims or demands against the Estate or indebtedness owed to the Estate shall present claims or remit payment without delay to the ADMINISTRATOR, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Spruce Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted to Laura G. Rosencrance, Administrator of the **ESTATE OF JASON ROSENCRANCE a/k/a JASON K. ROSENCRANCE**, deceased, who died on December 17, 2022, late of Ransom Township, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to the estate are required to make payment and those having any claims or demands are to present the same, without delay, to the Administrator Laura G. Rosencrance, c/o her attorney Carlo A. LaMonica, Esquire, LaMonica Law Firm LLC, 3218 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Leigh Ann Runco, Executrix of the **ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. SHANLEY**, late of Olyphant, PA, who died on December 25, 2022. All persons indebted to the Estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Executrix or to Raymond C. Rinaldi, II, Esquire, Rinaldi & Poveromo, P.C., P.O. Box 826, Scranton, PA, 18501.

**ESTATE OF JANET C. SAAR**, late of the Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died January 3, 2023). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been issued to Kerrie Serge Carrera, Executrix. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to the Personal Representative named herein or to Eugene J. Doud, Esquire, 1418 Main St., Suite 206A, Peckville, PA 18452.

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH AMBROSE SMITH, a/k/a JOSEPH A. SMITH, a/k/a JOSEPH SMITH**, late of Scott Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died September 13, 2022). Letters of Administration in the above Estate having been granted, all person having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent shall make them known and present them, and persons indebted to the said Decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to Joseph Smith, Personal Representative, or to Joseph S. Toczydlowski, Jr., Esquire of the Toczydlowski Law Office, 723 North Main Street, Archbald, PA 18403.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary were granted January 26, 2023 in the **ESTATE OF PETER E. VACCHIANO** Decd. of Taylor, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died December 4, 2022 all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment and those having any claims or demands are to present the same without delay unto the Executrix, Patricia Laske, 815 Old State Rd., South Abington Twp. Pa. 18411. Attorney for the Estate, Patrick J. Aregood, Esq., 1218 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18706.

### Second Notice

**ESTATE OF RICHARD C. BROXTON, a/k/a RICHARD C. BROXTON, SR.,** late of 836 Laconia Circle, South Abington Township, Pennsylvania, deceased. Date of Death: September 22, 2022. NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above named estate have been granted to Brian J. Broxton and Jennifer Krist, to whom all persons owing said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against it make known the same without delay at Kreisher, Marshall & Associates, LLC., 401 S. Market Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815. Brian J. Broxton & Jennifer Krist, Co-Executors.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Joseph D. Kaub and Michael Kaub, Co-Executors in the **ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. KAUB,** late of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who died on November 6, 2022. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Joseph D. Kaub and Michael Kaub, Co-Executors c/o John P. Finnerty, Esquire, 175 Glenmura National Boulevard, Moosic, Pennsylvania 18507.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration in the **ESTATE OF SHARON L. EDWARDS,** late of the Township of Clifton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died on April 26, 2019, have been granted to Ellis Scott, Administrator. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are requested to present the same without delay to: David E. Schwager, Esquire, 183 Market Street, Suite 100, Kingston, PA 18704-5444.

**DEBORAH J. KOSIK,** late of South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died January 1, 2023). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been issued to David F. Kosik, Administrator. **MARIANNE M. STIVALA, ESQUIRE, BRIAN J. CALI & ASSOCIATES, 103 EAST DRINKER STREET, DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA 18512.**

**ESTATE OF DONALD A. LOVE** late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA (died November 16, 2022). Letters Testamentary having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against estate of decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to said decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Jennifer L. Shea, Executrix of the Estate, 1425 Cherry Street, Scranton, PA 18505 or to Jane M. Carlonas, Esquire, 1212 S. Abington Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

**ESTATE OF GLEN R. SUTTER,** late of Ransom Township, Pennsylvania, died on November 24, 2022. All persons having claims against the Estate shall present same to Executrix, Pamela Neidrich, c/o Donald W. Jensen, Esquire, 538 Biden Street, Suite 730, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

**RE: Estate of THOMAS SWINICK,** late of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died November 15, 2021). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate have been issued to GERALYN SWINICK, Administrator of the Estate. All those having claims or demands against the Estate or indebtedness owed to the Estate shall present claims or remit payment without delay to the ADMINISTRATOR, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Spruce Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

**RE: Estate of SALVATORE VALENZA,** late of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died November 26, 2022). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate have been issued to DARLENE VALENZA, Executor of the Estate. All those having claims or demands against the Estate or indebtedness owed to the Estate shall present claims or remit payment without delay to the EXECUTOR, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Spruce Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

**ESTATE OF ANTHONY WALSH,** late of the City of Scranton died 12/27/2022. Letters of Testamentary granted to Joseph Walsh and Frederick Lidle, Terrence V. Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary have been granted. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Executors' name.

### Third Notice

**ESTATE OF MARY ANN M. BOLINSKI, DECEASED,** late of 1405 FROUDE AVE., SCRANTON, PA 18505, (Died NOVEMBER 29, 2022). MARK T. BOLINSKI, Administrator; Dante A. Cancelli, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney. DANTE A. CANCELLI, ESQUIRE

**ESTATE OF SARAH LINDA CHRISTIANSON a/k/a LINDA H. CHRISTIANSON a/k/a SARAH LINDA HANKIN CHRISTIANSON, DECEASED,** late of 103 WILCREST RD., ROARING BROOK TWP., PA 18444, (Died NOVEMBER 7, 2022) TRACY McHALE, Executrix; Dante A. Cancelli, Esquire, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney. DANTE A. CANCELLI, ESQUIRE

**ESTATE OF FRANK M. CHROBAK, JR.,** late of the City of Scranton died 8/17/2022. Letters of Administration granted to Michael Bloom, Terrence V. Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Administrators' name.

**ESTATE OF NINA M. CONTE, DECEASED,** late of 1101 VINE ST., SCRANTON, PA 18510, (Died NOVEMBER 16, 2022) MARIANNE DAVIS, Executrix; Dante A. Cancelli, Esquire, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney. DANTE A. CANCELLI, ESQUIRE

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**ESTATE OF ROBERT E. McGUIRE**, Late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to Colleen McGuire, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to her c/o Joseph Kosierowski, Esq. 400 Broad Street, Milford, Pennsylvania 18337.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Kathleen Murray in the **ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. MURRAY**, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who died on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Kathleen Murray, Executrix c/o John P. Finnerty, Esquire, 75 Glenmaura National Boulevard, Moosic, Pennsylvania, 18507.

**ESTATE OF JACALIN J. NICHOLS**, late of Scott Twp., Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died December 26, 2022). Letters Testamentary granted to Joyce Nichols; all persons indebted thereto shall make payment and all creditors shall present their claims without delay to Paul Keeler, Esq., 415 S. State St., Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, 18411. Paul Keeler, Esquire, KEELER LEGAL, LLC, Attorney

**ESTATE OF KATHLEEN K. O'HARA**, LATE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA (DIED December 13, 2022), Kelly Cullen, Administratrix, or to Donald J. Frederickson, Jr., Esquire, KOBAL & FREDERICKSON, Attorneys for the Estate, 435 Main Street, Moosic, PA. 18507-1017.

**ESTATE OF BRIAN K. PRICE**, Estate of Brian K. Price, Deceased. Late of Olyphant Borough, Lackawanna County, PA. D.O.D. 9/29/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Robert Price and Jean Kucharski, Administrators, c/o Kristen L. Behrens, Esq., 1500 Market St., Ste. 3500E, Phila., PA 19102. Or to their Atty.: Kristen L. Behrens, Dilworth Paxson LLP, 1500 Market St., Ste. 3500E, Phila., PA 19102.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been given in the **ESTATE OF MICHAEL P. SANDONE**, late of North Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died December 11, 2022. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands, to present the same without delay to the Executor, Richard M. Williams, c/o Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C., 600 Third Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH SMAGULA** of Eynon, Pennsylvania (died December 16, 2022). All persons indebted to the estate shall make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same without delay to the Executrix, Mary Duprey, or Richard A. Fanucci, Attorney for the Estate, 1711 Main Street, Blakely, PA 18447. RICHARD A. FANUCCI, ESQ.

**OTIS JOHN SPENCER**, Deceased. Late of Lackawanna County, PA. Letters of Administration on the above Estate having been granted to the Administrator, Brian F. Levine, all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present same without delay, to Brian F. Levine, Esquire. Brian F. Levine, Esquire Levine Law, LLC, Attorney for the Administrator, 22 E Grant St., New Castle, PA 16101-2279

**IN RE: ESTATE OF HAROLD W. WOLFER**, aka **HAROLD WOLFER**, late of Gouldsboro, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died August 2, 2022). Letters Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all person having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to Evelyn Wolfer, Personal Representative, or to Joseph S. Toczydowski, Jr., Esquire of the Toczydowski Law Office, 723 North Main Street, Archbald, PA 18403.

**ESTATE OF WILSON YOUNG**, DECEASED, late of 33 STEINBECK DR., MOOSIC, PA 18507 (Died NOVEMBER 16, 2022) **BONNIE TONG YOUNG**, Executrix; Dante A. Cancelli, Esquire, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney. DANTE A. CANCELLI, ESQUIRE

**ESTATE OF GERALDINE ZELINSKI**, late of the Borough of Eynon & Factoryville died 11/10/2022. Letters of Administration granted to Melissa Zelinski, Terrence V. Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay the Executors' name.

### CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is Hereby Given that a Petition has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, seeking to change the name of Sarah M. Robbins to Sarah Marinaro. A hearing on the Petition will be held on March 31, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Mary Walsh Dempsey at the Lackawanna County Government Center, Courtroom C, 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, at which time any persons interested may attend and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted. T-1

## LACKAWANNA JURIST

### **ARBITRATORS NEEDED**

The Lackawanna County Court Administrator's Office is looking for local Attorneys to serve as Arbitrators. Hearings are held throughout the year, with the next group scheduled for the week of 2/21/2023.

If you are interested in serving, please email Dina Brazil at [brazild@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:brazild@lackawannacounty.org) to be added to the list.

Any questions may be forwarded to Stacey Harris, Deputy Court Administrator for the Civil Division at [harriss@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:harriss@lackawannacounty.org) or 570-963-6773.

### **New Attorney Announcement – James Listanski**

Wylam & Georgetti, LLC is pleased to announce the addition of James Listanski to our firm.

Prior to joining Wylam & Georgetti, James worked as a family law attorney in Philadelphia and as an adjunct professor at Lackawanna College in Scranton. He represented clients in family law matters such as child custody, grandparents' rights, and termination of parental rights cases in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties.

Mr. Listanski is a graduate of Temple University's Beasley School of Law and a recipient of the National Order of the Barristers Award. During his law school career, James was an active member of Temple University's Moot Court Competition team and was named Champion of the Samuel Polsky Moot Court Competition (2015) and the Temple University Appellate Advocacy Competition (2016). He also had the honor of representing Temple University as a member of the competition team for the National Moot Court Competition-Region 3 in Baltimore, MD.

James previously served as a McCleary Law Fellow for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C., where he advocated for social justice and the passage of the Equality Act in Congress; and, as a legal intern for the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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