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*Notice is hereby given:*

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BUCKS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**Thurs., December 12, 2024  
Bucks County Justice Center  
Courtroom #410  
Doylestown, PA 18901**

*The meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom.  
Please contact the BCBA staff at [info@bucksbar.org](mailto:info@bucksbar.org)  
for connection information*

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|-----------|--|
| 4:00 p.m. | Bucks County Bar Induction Ceremony          |
| 4:30 p.m. | Annual Business Meeting of the BCBA          |
| 6:00 p.m. | Annual Dinner at The Doylestown Country Club |

# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- Bar Induction Ceremony
- Memorial Resolutions
- Minutes of Prior Meeting – Annual Meeting, December 7, 2023
- Treasurer’s Report
- Membership Report – Introduction of new members who have been admitted between 12/1/23 – 11/30/24
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- ED Report and Acknowledgement of 50-Year Members
- Outgoing President’s Remarks
- William H. Eastburn III Award
- Mark E. Goldberg Community Service Award
- Arthur B. Walsh, Jr. Pro Bono Publico Award
- Harriet Mims Award
- President’s Award
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Passing of the Gavel
- Remarks from Incoming President
- Adjournment

*NOTE: Committee chairs may make verbal reports at the meeting at their own discretion. However, committee chairs or members who wish to bring any subject to the attention of the membership are requested to notify Heather Cevasco (215-348-9413), no later than November 29, 2024, with an outline of the presentation they intend to make and typewritten copies of any resolution or other materials to be acted upon.*



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**BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Cheramié Walz Presents on AI in Education at PASA/PSBA Conference**



Partner Mark. W. Cheramié Walz, Esq. of Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP delivered a keynote address on artificial intelligence on October 8 at the 2024 School Leadership Conference, an annual event jointly hosted by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) and the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA), held in the Pocono region.

During his presentation, entitled “AI in Education Technology,” Cheramié Walz explored the rapid integration of AI in education, noting how the technology has transformed learning and teaching tools over the past two years, and raised critical questions on what schools need to consider before implementing the tool.

Cheramié Walz dedicates his work to the use of technology in education and advising practical solutions that reduce liability while harnessing the benefits of new technology. Additionally, he counsels school entities in all matters related to special education litigation, including due process hearings and federal court appeals. Cheramié Walz frequently lectures to school administrators, parents, and students on the safe use of social networking and modern technology both in school and at home.

The PASA-PSBA annual multi-day conference provides school leaders with opportunities to learn, network, and explore new products and services tailored to the education sector.

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**BUCKS COUNTY  
BAR ASSOCIATION**

**MARATHON  
DAY** SAVE THE DATE:  
TUESDAY, DEC. 10

### Michael E. Peters, Esq. Addresses 2024 PSTCA Convention

Michael E. Peters, Esq., a Shareholder at Eastburn and Gray, delivered remarks to the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors' Association's (PSTCA) Annual Conference on October 12, 2024. This year's conference took place in Camp Hill (Cumberland County). Mr. Peters' remarks addressed current issues facing tax collectors throughout the Commonwealth, and an update on pending tax collector lawsuits.



Mr. Peters serves as general counsel to the PSTCA and frequently advises the association's members on matters relating to real estate tax collection. In addition to his efforts litigating cases on behalf of tax collectors across the Commonwealth, Mr. Peters represents municipalities in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, as well as private commercial and residential clients before zoning hearing boards and municipal governing bodies in land development and zoning matters. He has appeared in courts of common pleas throughout the Commonwealth, Commonwealth Court, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in land use and municipal law litigation and appeals. Mr. Peters is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and The George Washington University Law School.

The purpose of the PSTCA is to work towards the goal of better communication between the taxpayer, tax collector and all elected officials of the State of Pennsylvania. The PSTA unites collectors of real estate and all other taxes; provides a means for dissemination of information and education on assessment and tax collecting practices; engages in publishing constructive reports; and cooperates with others interested in assessments and taxation. To learn more about the PSTCA, please visit their website, [www.pstca.org](http://www.pstca.org).

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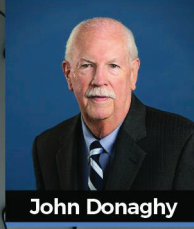
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**Salzer Raises Thousands for Charity in Hockey Marathon with NHL Stars**

Robert J. Salzer of Williams Family Law, P.C. took to the ice recently, playing in the 11th Annual “Hockey Helps” 24-hour marathon in Long Island, N.Y. Salzer participates each year in this event that raises funds for local charities, with a focus on helping individuals battling addiction, mental health issues, and cancer, as well as supporting economically disadvantaged children and youth. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$6 million. Salzer has played ice hockey for years and currently plays in a men’s league with two former clients.

Playing alongside Salzer were former NHL greats such as Stéphane Matteau, Adam Graves, Brian Mullen, Colton Orr, Mike Hartman, Boo Nieves, Michael Del Zotto and Stefan Matteau, Jr. This year’s marathon included a special appearance by New York Islanders forward Matthew Barzal.

At the event, Hockey Helps announced a donation of \$13,000 to support mental health services & programs at The OhioHealth Foundation in memory of Columbus Blue Jackets forward Johnny Gaudreau and his brother Matthew, who tragically passed away recently.

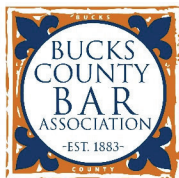
Off the ice, Salzer brings the same level of commitment and focus to his legal career. A fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, he focuses on divorce, spousal support, child support, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and high-conflict child custody cases, especially those involving financially complex matters.

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**Slate of Candidates Proposed by the BCBA Nominating Committee**

For Election at the Annual Meeting of BCBA Members on December 12, 2024

**Officers (1-year term)**

**Vice President / President Elect:** Melanie J. Wender

**Treasurer:** Stephanie M. Shortall

**Secretary:** Elaine T. Yandrisevits

**Directors (5 vacancies, each for a 3-year term)**

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Joseph A. Cullen

Steven M. Jones

Jeffrey A. Liebmann

Travis P. Nelson

Oct. 24—Dec. 12

**Public Notice****Appointment of New Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. The appointee may be required to preside at court sessions to be held at Reading, Philadelphia, Allentown, and Easton. The essential function of courts is to dispense justice. An important component of this function is the creation and maintenance of diversity in the court system. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's diversity.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, and will include, among others: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters, settlement proceedings, and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. §636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

1. Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years;
2. Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
3. Be less than seventy years old; and
4. Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$223,836.00. The term of office is eight (8) years.

The application is available on the court's web site at <https://www.paed.uscourts.gov/>. Only applicants may submit applications and applications **must be received by Thursday, November 7, 2024.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Applications must be submitted by e-mail to Paed\_Apply@paed.uscourts.gov with the subject line "**Magistrate Judge Application.**" An /s/ or e-signature on the application will be accepted.

Please note this vacancy was previously posted on October 25, 2023 and filled by Mary Kay Costello. The vacancy has been created again due to the fact that Judge Costello has been commissioned to serve as a United States District Judge. Those persons who previously submitted applications and wish to re-apply need not complete a new application. Rather, it is sufficient to send an e-mail to Paed\_apply@paed.uscourts.gov indicating an intent to be considered for the current opening. Supplemental information may be forwarded to the above e-mail. But only if it is new information that was not previously submitted.

Applications will only be accepted by e-mail. Applications sent by mail will not be considered. Due to the overwhelming number of applications expected, applicants should not contact the court regarding the status of their application.

**APPLICATION FORM  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Please answer all questions. If a question is not applicable, indicate this by marking "N/A." This form is fillable using Adobe Acrobat. If handwritten, please legibly print your answers. Should you need more space for an answer, please attach additional sheet(s) of paper, including your name at the top of each additional page and referencing the question number. Submit a cover letter indicating your interest in the position, a completed application form, and any supporting documentation in a single PDF via e-mail to [paed\\_apply@paed.uscourts.gov](mailto:paed_apply@paed.uscourts.gov). Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Applications must be received by Thursday, November 7, 2024.**

**GENERAL**

- 1. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. All other names by which you have been known: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Office address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Length of residence in state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. If you are a naturalized citizen, state the date and place of naturalization:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Military service:  
Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank or Rate at Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_  
If still a Reserve or National Guard member, give service, branch, unit, and present rank:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges of this court?  Yes  No If yes, give name(s) and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH**

- 10. What is the present state of your health?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 11. Do you have any mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties of a magistrate judge with or without reasonable accommodation?

**EDUCATION**

- 12. Colleges and universities attended, dates, and degrees:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 13. Continuing legal education courses completed within the last 10 years:

**HONORS**

- 14. Were you a member of law review?  Yes  No. If yes, describe role:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 15. If you have published any legal books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

**PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS**

- 17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case:

**Court or Administrative Body**

**Date of Admission**

**LAW PRACTICE**

18. State the names, addresses, and dates of employment for all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, all government agencies, and all private business organizations in which you have been employed. Also provide all dates during which you have practiced as a sole practitioner.

Organization	Address	Position	Dates
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19. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties and character of your typical clients; also, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, give details of prior practice.

20. a) Do you appear regularly in court?  Yes  No

b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years were in:

Federal courts	_____ %
State or local courts of record	_____ %
Administrative bodies	_____ %
Other	_____ %
	_____ %
	_____ %
	_____ %

21. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? \_\_\_\_\_ %

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month.

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month.

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

Civil	_____ %
Criminal	_____ %
Other:	_____ %
	_____ %
	_____ %
	_____ %

25. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

26. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years.

- 27. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases over the past five years.

**PUBLIC OFFICE**

- 28. Have you ever run for, or held, public office?  Yes  No. If yes, give details.

**PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

- 29. a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the courts involved and the dates of service, or dates of candidacy.

b) If you have held judicial office, state the names and addresses of counsel who have appeared before you who would be knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.

c) Prior quasi-judicial service:

Name of agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearings on what types of issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases adjudicated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT**

- 30. a) If you are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law?

Yes  No

If yes, give the details, including dates.

c) During the past five years have you received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind?

Yes  No

If yes, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.

31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance?

Yes  No

If yes, give details. (Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.)

b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

Yes  No

If yes, give particulars.

32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client?

Yes  No

If yes, give particulars.

b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice?

Yes  No

If yes, give particulars, including the amounts involved.



33. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceedings with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, or unethical conduct?
- Yes     No                      If yes, give particulars.
34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group?
- Yes     No                      If yes, give particulars.
35. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities?
- Yes     No                      If no, explain.
36. Have any liens or claims ever been instituted against you by the federal, state, or local authorities?
- Yes     No                      If yes, explain.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

37. a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups, and committees to which you belonged.
- b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37.a), of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization.
- c) Have you ever served on a merit selection panel to consider the appointment or reappointment of a United States magistrate judge in this district? If yes, please provide date(s) or appointment(s).

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- 38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.
  
- 39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.
  
- 40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you, which you believe should be disclosed to the district court and the selection panel in connection with your possible selection as United States magistrate judge.
  
- 41. a) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities.

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

- b) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your personal character.

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

- Name
- Address
- Telephone

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

This form will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The individuals whom you have listed as references above may be contacted by the panel, but no other employers, colleagues, or other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

BUCKS COUNTY BAR  
VETERANS  
DAY  
LUNCHEON

11.11.24 at 12pm

We are pleased to invite BCBA members & their guests, those involved with the Veterans's Treatment Program, and any veterans & veteran advocates in Bucks County to attend our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon free of charge.

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**Nominations for BCBA and BCBF Annual Awards**

Nominations are being accepted for all of the BCBA's and BCBF's Annual Awards. To submit a BCBA member (or community member in the case of the William H. Eastburn, III Award and Foundation Award), simply submit a short write-up outlining your nomination no later than November 4, 2024. [E-mail—heather.cevasco@bucksbar.org or Mail—135 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901].

There are five annual awards:

- The Mark E. Goldberg Award
- The William H. Eastburn, III Award
- The Arthur B. Walsh, Jr. Pro Bono Publico Award
- The Harriet Mims Award
- The Annual Bucks County Bar Foundation Award

Criteria for these awards is outlined below. Please contact us with any questions.

**The Mark E. Goldberg Award**

The Mark E. Goldberg Award is presented to a *member of the Bucks County Bar Association*, including honorary members, *demonstrating a continuing commitment to community service outside the legal profession.*

The eligible candidate shall perpetuate personal relationships established with leaders of the religious, academic, recreational and charitable segments of the Bucks County community by:

- Proven legal competence;
- Honor;
- Trust;
- Service; and
- Respect for the rule of law and the administration of justice.

**To nominate someone for this award**, please e-mail or send a letter outlining your reasons for nominating this person to the attention of Heather Cevasco at BCBA 135 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. Deadline: November 4, 2024.

**William H. Eastburn, III Award**

The purpose of the William H. Eastburn, III Award is to recognize *the person or entity who has made significant contributions to the Bucks County system of justice.*

The qualities of the recipient(s), who shall not be a member of the Bucks County Bar Association, shall be to:

- Promote better understanding of our system of justice;
- Encourage greater respect for law and the courts;
- Stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and Foster a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

**To nominate someone for this award**, please e-mail or send a letter outlining your reasons for nominating this person to the attention of Heather Cevasco at BCBA 135 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 or e-mail. Deadline: November 4, 2024.

### **The Arthur B. Walsh, Jr. Pro Bono Publico Award**

The purpose of the ARTHUR B. WALSH, JR. PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD is to recognize the BCBA member who has made significant contributions to the Bucks County system of justice in the form of Pro Bono service. One award is given annually to a member of the Bucks County Bar Association, who by their actions and example have made “Equal Justice Under Law” a meaningful good and ideal for our legal society.

The qualities of the recipient(s), shall be to:

- Demonstrate selfless service to the members of the community of limited means;
- Demonstrate selfless service to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters which are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means;
- Enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our nation’s poor and disadvantaged.

To **nominate someone for this award**, please e-mail or send a letter outlining your reasons for nominating this person to the attention of Committee Co-Chairperson Shari Williams (swilliams@highswartz.com) or Heather Cevasco at BCBA 135 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. Deadline: November 4, 2024.

### **Harriet Mims Award**

This award is named after Harriet Mims, who was the first female judge in Bucks County and one of the first women admitted to the Bucks County Bar. The award is presented annually to a *female attorney who exhibits the characteristics of strength, leadership and integrity who also has served as a mentor to young lawyers.*

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**Do Not Publish Opinions from July 2024 to Sept 2024**

- *Commonwealth v. Joseph Eibell*, No. CP-09-CR-0004847-2022. Defendant appeals from this Court's Judgment of Sentence following his conviction for the crimes of Home Improvement Fraud, Deceptive Business Practices and Theft by Deception. Severance – Weight of the evidence. The Court held that it did not err in denying Defendant's Severance Motion and the jury's verdict did not shock the conscience. Written by FINLEY, J., May 14, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Edward Vincent Bacon*, No. CP-09-000/425-2023. Defendant appeals the Court's ruling that Defendant is Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). SVP Assessment – 42 Pa.CS. 9799.24 – Expert Opinion. The Court held that the Commonwealth provided clear and convincing evidence to establish that Defendant meets the statutory criteria to be classified as a SVP and Commonwealth's expert was properly permitted to rely on matters which were ultimately unproven or not prosecuted. Written by GILMAN, J., June 18, 2024.
- *In Re: Appeal of Gacek and Gacek. LLC.*, from the May 26, 2023 Decision of the New Hope Zoning Hearing Board, No. 2023-03598. Appellants appeal to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania from this Court's Order affirming the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board ("ZHB") denying their request for a dimensional variance. Zoning – Dimensional variance – Standard of review. The Court held that the decision of the ZHB should be upheld and the appeal denied. Written by LILLER, J., June 9, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Sean Kratz*, No. CP-09-CR-0006072-2017. Defendant appeals the Court's denial of Defendant's Post – Relief Act Petition—Ineffective assistance of counsel – Plea agreement. The Court held that Defendant's counsel was not ineffective in recommending Defendant accept the Commonwealth's final plea offer, and Defendant was exhaustively appraised of the terms of the plea agreement. Written by FINLEY, J., June 17, 2024.
- *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Benjamin Degaffinried*, Nos. CP-09-CR-0003965-2022, CP-09-CT-0003977-2022. Defendant appeals to the Pennsylvania Superior Court from this Court's Judgment of Sentence following his conviction on Burglary, Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault and related charges. Sentencing – Sufficiency of evidence, Jury instruction Consciousness of guilt. The Court held that the jury instructions given were proper and the convictions were supported by the evidence. Written by CORR, J., June 17, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Benjamin Degraffenried*, No. CP-09-CR-000465/-2022. Defendant appeals this Court's judgment of sentence following Defendant's conviction for the crime of possession of a firearm without a license. Motion to suppress – Search warrant – Sufficiency of evidence. The court held that it properly denied Defendant's pretrial motion to suppress; the issuance of the search warrant was supported by probable cause that contraband would be found in Defendant's vehicle; and the verdict was supported by overwhelming evidence. Written by CORR, J., July 3, 2024.
- *John F. McSorley, Jr., v. John James Paul*, No. 2021-05278. Defendant/Appellant appeals from the Court's Order granting judgment on the pleadings in favor of Plaintiff /Appellee on his Motion for Ejectment. Motion for judgment on the pleadings – Ejectment – Right to possession Protection from abuse order for exclusive possession. The Court held that Appellant had neither contested the validity of Appellee's title nor presented any evidence that would support his continued occupancy of the subject property and his appeal should be denied and the trial court's order affirmed. Written by WEINTRAUB, J., July 5, 2024

- *Commonwealth v. Steven Boutte*, No. CP-09-CR-00008 77-2023. The Defendant appeals his convictions for the crimes of Attempted Indecent Deviant Sexual Intercourse, Attempted Statutory Sexual Assault, Attempted Sexual Abuse of Children and Unlawful Contact with a Minor. Sufficiency/weight of the evidence. The Court held that there was sufficient evidence presented at trial to convict Defendant of the aforementioned crimes and the convictions were not contrary to the weight of the evidence. Written by FINLEY, J., July 10, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Joyce Brown-Rodriguez*, No. CP-09-C R-0002606-2022... Defendant appeals from the Court's Judgment of Sentence following a negotiated guilty plea to Third Degree Murder and Conspiracy. Sentencing. The Court held that imposition of a sentence of 20 to 40 years of incarceration was within the sound discretion of the Court and the Court took into account numerous factors that were specific to this case. Written by FINLEY, J., July 29, 2024.
- *A.R., Appellant v. S.G.*, Appellee, No. A06-24-60020-C & A. Appellant, Father appeals from two interrelated orders entered pursuant to the Protection from Abuse (PFA) Act and the Child Custody Act. Mother was granted a two-year protection order against Father and her Petition for Relocation and primary physical custody were granted. Family law – PFA – Custody – Relocation Standard of review – Gross abuse of discretion – Credibility – Best interest factors. Held, the Orders entered were based on the best interest of the child and the appeal should be denied. Written by McMASTER, J., July 29, 2024.
- *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Galina Rystar*, No. CP-09-CR-0005761-2015. Defendant appeals from this Court's Order denying her Motion to Recuse. Criminal law – Motion to recuse Standard of review – “Exceptionally deferential”. The Court held that its denial of her Motion to Recuse was proper and that the appeal is baseless and without merit. Written by BATEMAN, J., July 29, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Stephen Michael Capaldi*, No. CP-09-CR-000116-2023. Defendant appeals this Court's denial of his PCRA Petition. Guilty plea – Withdrawal – Ineffective assistance of counsel – Pa.R.Crim. P. 590. The Court held that Defendant's guilty plea was knowing and voluntary; the Court's imposition of an additional two years to the agreed upon sentence was done after giving Defendant the opportunity to withdraw his plea and proceed to trial; Defendant failed to comply with the requirements of Commonwealth v. Pierce regarding his ineffective assistance of counsel claim; and the Court's colloquy prior to Defendant's guilty plea complied with Pa.R.Crim.P. 590(A)B(C). Written by LILLER, J., July 30, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Darrell Coasey*, CP-09-CR-0003266-2022. Defendant appeals from this Court's decision to dismiss claims he wished to raise in a counseled Amended Post Conviction Relief Act Petition (PCRA) following the submission of a Finley Letter by PCRA counsel in her Petition to withdraw as counsel. Criminal law – Timeliness – Waiver – Jurisdiction – Guilty plea Ineffectiveness of counsel – Finley letter. The Court held that its decision to dismiss Appellant's first PCRA Petition as untimely, waived, and meritless should be affirmed by the Superior Court. Written by McHUGH, J., August 1, 2024.
- *Heather Brine v. Daniel Nathan Schwartz*, No. 2023DR00596. Father appeals from the Court's Support Order ordering him to pay \$1,739 monthly child support to the Mother. Petition to modify support. The Court held that based upon each party's earning capacity the Court's support order was not an abuse of discretion, and the Court had the authority to modify the order to the detriment of the petitioning party. Written by McMASTER, J., August 6, 2024.

- *Commonwealth v. Mitchell Rabell-Franceschi*, CP-09-CR-0850-2023. Defendant appeals to the Superior Court from this Court’s Judgment of Sentence entered following his conviction, in absentia, at trial on charges of Person Not to Possess a Firearm, Firearms Not to be Carried Without a License and related offenses. Criminal law – Concise statement of matters complained of on appeal – Specificity – Waiver – Sentencing. The Court held that six of eight issues Defendant raised were waived and the remaining two were without merit and that the Judgment of Sentence should be affirmed. Written by CORR, J., August 8, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Corey Jones*, No. CP-09-CR-0003541-2022 Defendant appeals the Court’s denial of his Post-Conviction Relief Act (“PCRA”) Petition . Guilty plea – Ineffective assistance of counsel. The court held that Defendant’s trial and PCRA counsel were not ineffective in failing to pursue a motion to suppress, failing to present evidence relating to body camera footage, failing to follow a post-sentence motion; and in filing a Turner/Finley no-merit letter. Written by FINLEY, J., August 8, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Robert Lee Adams*, No. CP-09-CR-1352-2023. Defendant appeals to the Pennsylvania Superior Court from this Court’s Judgment of Sentence entered following a bench trial where he was convicted of Simple Assault. Criminal law – Simple assault – Sentencing. The Court held that the evidence supports a conviction on the charge of Simple Assault and the sentence should be affirmed. Written by CORR, J., August 9, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Dio Garcia*, No. CP-09-CR-0001892-2023 Commonwealth appeals this Court’s ruling granting Defendant’s Motion to Suppress Evidence. Motion to Suppress – Warrantless arrest. The Court held that the arresting officer did not have probable cause to make a warrantless arrest. Written by McHUGH, P.J., August 9, 2024.
- *Commonwealth v. Robert Lee Adams*, No. CP-09-CR-0575-2023. Defendant appeals to the Pennsylvania Superior Court from this Court’s Judgment of Sentence entered following a bench trial where he was convicted of Aggravated Assault and seven related charges resulting from an altercation between Defendant and a Corrections Officer at the Bucks County Correctional Facility. Criminal law – Judgment of sentence – Sufficiency of evidence – Motion for a mistrial. The Court held that the evidence overwhelmingly supports conviction on all Counts and the Judgment of sentence should be affirmed. Written by CORR, J., August 9, 2024.
- *In Re: The Estate of Helen Harm, Deceased*, No. 2023-£0600. Appellant appeals from the Court’s Decree which found that Appellant lacked standing to compel a formal accounting of the Executor’s actions regarding the Estate of the decedent. Forgery – Renunciation and disclaimer – Standing. The court held that the last will and testament of decedent is valid and not the product of forgery; the renunciation and disclaimer of Appellant’s interest in the estate of decedent was knowingly and willfully executed; and as a result, Appellant lacked standing to compel a formal accounting of the executor’s actions. Written by FRITSCH, Admin . Judge, August 16, 2024.
- *Matthew Giordano v. Ashfield Healthcare, LLC, a/k/a Ashfield Engage*, No. 2022-06839. Plaintiff/Appellant appeals to the Pennsylvania Superior Court from this Court’s Order sustaining preliminary objections in the nature of a demurrer and dismissing his claim for wrongful termination of employment with prejudice. Civil

law – Preliminary objections in nature of a demurrer – Wrongful termination – At-will employment – Implied contract – Unjust enrichment Tortious conduct. The Court held that its determinations are amply supported by the pleadings and the factual record and the Order should be affirmed. Written by WEINTRAUB, J., August 19, 2024.

- *Bess M Williams v. Justin Evens*, Shaaron Schaffer, Iribeliz Rodriguez-Aquino and Joseph Young, No.2021 – 60296. Mother appeals the Final Custody Order which decreed that the Guardians shall continue to have sole legal custody and primary physical custody of the minor child. The Court held that it was in the child’s best interests for the Guardians to continue sole legal custody and primary physical custody of the minor, subject to modification upon a demonstration of a substantial change in the circumstances of the Mother. Written by WEINTRAUB, J., August 26, 2024.
- *Dr. Jeffrey Chijoke-Uche v. Cobblestone Estates Community Association, Inc.*, No. 2024-00562. Plaintiff/Appellant files this appeal to the Commonwealth Court from this Court’s Order sustaining Defendant/Appellee’s Preliminary Objections and dismissing his Complaint without prejudice. Civil law – Preliminary objections – Jurisdiction – Final order. The Court held that it was proper to sustain Preliminary Objections and to dismiss Plaintiff’s Complaint without prejudice based on his failure to comply with several Rules of Civil Procedure. Written by McMASTER, J., August 28, 2024.
- *Alescia M Dingle v. Jeffrey A. Dingle*, No. 2018DR01877. Father appeals to the Court’s Child Support Order requiring Father to pay \$486.00 for the support of one child and \$48.00 in arrears per month. Child support. The Court held that the appeal should be quashed for untimeliness and the court did not abuse its discretion in entering the support Order. Written by McMASTER, J., August 27, 2024.
- *In Re: X.L.B. – Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of C.F.B.*, No. 2024-A9034; and *X.R.B. – Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of C.F.B.*, No. 202.J-A9035. C.F.B. (Mother) appeals from this Court’s Decrees, which involuntarily terminated Mother’s parental rights concerning the minor children X.L.B and X.R.B. The court held that it did not abuse its discretion nor commit an error of law by involuntarily terminating Mother’s parental rights pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. §2511 (a) (2) and (5) and 23 Pa. C.S. §2511 (b) of the Adoption Act. Written by FRITSCH, ADMIN. J., September 11, 2024.

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## Commonwealth v. Robert Francis Atkins

Defendant appeals to the Pennsylvania Superior Court from this Court's Judgment of Sentence following a bench trial which found Defendant guilty of First Degree Murder and two counts of Arson.

*Criminal law – Prior bad acts – Domestic abuse – Motion to quash – Writ of habeas corpus – Weight of the evidence – Held, the Courts Judgment of Sentence should be affirmed on appeal.*

1. Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 404(b)(1) prohibits the admission of evidence of any other crime, wrong, or act to prove a person's character in order to show that on a particular occasion the person acted in accordance with the character.

2. Pennsylvania courts recognize a *res gestae* exception for prior bad acts evidence which permit the admission of evidence of other crimes or bad acts to tell the complete story of the case. Evidence of domestic abuse may be admissible to demonstrate the chain or sequence of events that formed the history of the case.

3. A motion to quash is appropriate means for raising defects apparent on the face of the information or other defects which would prevent prosecution. It is neither a guilt determining procedure nor a pre-trial means for determining the sufficiency of the Commonwealth's evidence. Neither the adequacy, incompetency, or even illegality of the Commonwealth's evidence can be tested by a motion to quash the information or indictment.

4. Where a criminal defendant seeks to challenge the sufficiency of the evidence presented at his preliminary hearing, he may do so by following a writ of habeas corpus. At the pre-trial stage of criminal prosecution, it is not necessary for the Commonwealth to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. A *prima facie* case exists when the Commonwealth produces evidence of each of the material elements of the crime charged and establishes probable cause to warrant the belief that the accused committed the offense. Further, the evidence must be considered in the light most favorable to the Commonwealth.

5. In order for a defendant to prevail on a challenge to the weight of the evidence, the evidence must be so tenuous, vague and uncertain that the verdict shocks the conscience of the court. The finder of fact has the duty to determine the credibility of the testimony and evidence presented at trial. An appellate court cannot substitute its judgment for that of the finder of fact.

C.P. Bucks County, Criminal Division, No. CP-09-CR-0004730-2022. First Degree Murder and Arson: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Robert Francis Atkins.

William Craig Penglase, Esquire, Penglase and Benson, Inc., Attorney for Defendant/Appellant.

Jennifer Schorn Esquire, Bucks County Assistant District Attorney, Attorney for the Commonwealth.

BATEMAN, J., September 13, 2024.

### **OPINION**

Robert Francis Atkins (hereinafter "Appellant"), appeals to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania from this Court's February 2, 2024 Judgment of Sentence. Following a bench trial, Appellant was found guilty of First Degree Murder<sup>1</sup> and two counts of Arson<sup>2</sup>. This Opinion is filed pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 1925(a).

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

This case arises from a homicide that occurred in 1991 in Bristol Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The homicide went unsolved for over 30 years. On

<sup>1</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 2502(a).

<sup>2</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 3301(a)(1)(i) and 18 Pa. C.S. § 3301(a)(1)(ii).

April 19, 1991, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., 35 year-old Joy Hibbs (hereinafter “the Victim”) was murdered in her home. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 22. The Victim suffered multiple stab wounds to the neck and trunk and was manually strangled.<sup>3</sup> N.T. 1/30/24, p. 88. The Victim’s home was then set on fire. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 24.

Between approximately 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., a neighbor overheard yelling coming from the Victim’s home. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 28; N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 83-84. A short time later she saw smoke. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 84. A blue Chevrolet Monte Carlo was observed by three eyewitnesses parked “haphazardly” in the wrong direction in front of the Victim’s home. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 31- 32, 34, 114, 132. One of the eyewitnesses observed the blue Monte Carlo parked in front of the home at 12:40 p.m., and noticed it again when she drove by a second time at approximately 1 :05 p.m. *Id.* at 132, 134; N.T. 2/1/24, p. 4.

The Victim had two children: 12 year-old David and 16 year-old Angie. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 21, 67. Both children were at school and her husband, Charlie, was at work at the time. *Id.* at 21. David arrived home from school just after 1:10 p.m. to the house engulfed in flames. *Id.* at 71-73. He attempted to enter the home because he noticed his mother’s vehicle in the driveway. *Id.* at 72-73. David opened the back door of the home and noticed all four burners of the gas stove were turned on. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 73; N.T. 1/30/24, p. 55. He was met with black smoke and flames and unable to enter the home any further. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 73. David observed a neighbor outside and asked him to call 911. *Id.* Firefighters responded to the home shortly thereafter. *Id.* at 73-74.

While firefighting efforts were underway, the Victim was discovered deceased on the floor in David’s bedroom. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 52. It was initially believed that the Victim had died as a result of the fire. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 164. Two days later, on April 21, 1991, the family learned that the Victim had been murdered prior to the house being set on fire. *Id.* at 73.

According to the autopsy report, there was no soot inside the Victim’s lungs, so she was already deceased prior to the fire. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 98. The Victim had multiple stab wounds, the deepest of which was approximately six inches. *Id.* at 106. Dr. Ian Hood, an expert in forensic pathology, reviewed the 1991 autopsy report. *Id.* at 89. Dr. Hood opined that the Victim’s “perineum and crotch was basically charred out of existence”, which indicated that there may have been a fire accelerant poured on her body.<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 97-98, 102. There was also evidence that the Victim’s chest was “stomped” on. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 95. The toxicology report showed that the Victim had smoked Marijuana in the hours prior to her death. *Id.* at 103.

<sup>3</sup> The 1991 autopsy report included strangulation as one of the causes of death, but Dr. Ian Hood, an expert in forensic pathology, testified that he would not have used that term due to the extensive charring of the Victim’s body. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 90. Dr. Hood clarified that it was clear that the neck was gripped but “[w]hether it was gripped long enough to actually strangle a person to death was a moot point” because she sustained five stab wounds which would have been “rapidly fatal anyway.” *Id.* at 90-94.

<sup>4</sup> Evidence was sent to the FBI for testing, and the tests did not reveal the presence of liquid fire accelerant. N.T. 1/31/2024, p. 40.

Much of the Victim's home was destroyed as a result of the fire and subsequent firefighting efforts. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 62; N.T. 1/30/24, p. 78; N.T. 1/31/24, p. 188. The fire marshal report indicated that there were four defined points of origin where the fires were set. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 62-63. A fire investigation expert who reviewed the report opined that there were three points of origin. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 69. He testified that the mattress in David's bedroom was likely set on fire and the heat and flames spread to other parts of the room. Id. The door to David's bedroom was left open to allow the fire to spread further. Id. at 75, 76.

At the time of the murder, Appellant and his now ex-wife, April Atkins (hereinafter "Ms. Atkins"), resided in an apartment in the Village of Pennbrook in Falls Township, Bucks County, with their two children. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 19. Appellant and his family previously lived on the same street as the Victim. Id. Ms. Atkins and the Victim were friends. Id. at 79. David described Ms. Atkins as his mother's "best friend." Id.

On the day of the murder, Ms. Atkins awoke following an overnight work shift and noticed Appellant was not home. N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 8-9. Appellant was unemployed at the time and would usually care for their children while Ms. Atkins slept after her work shift. Id. at 9. Appellant later returned to the apartment "filthy" with "blood all over him". Id. at 9-10. Appellant took his bloodied clothing to the washing machine and then to the bathroom to clean himself up. Id. at 12.

Ms. Atkins testified that Appellant routinely carried a folding knife in his pocket, and that he had it in his pocket that day. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 37. The blade of the knife was estimated to be approximately three inches in length, with the entire length of the knife measuring approximately six inches. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 28.

After Appellant cleaned up, he told Ms. Atkins to call out of her work shift. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 11. Ms. Atkins's employer reported that she called out of work at 2:15 p.m. for her 3:00 p.m. shift, and that the time off had not been pre-planned. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 43; N.T. 1/30/24, p. 11. Just a few hours after the murder, Appellant and his family left for an unplanned trip to The Poconos. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 13. Appellant and his family checked into a hotel in The Poconos at 4:54 p.m. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 63.

The next morning, Appellant was not in their hotel room when Ms. Atkins woke up. N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 14-15. Appellant returned shortly thereafter with new shoes and newspapers. Id. at 15-16. Later that afternoon, Appellant and his family went for a walk behind the hotel where Appellant walked into the woods to dispose of a bag. Id.

The following day, on April 21, 1991, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Bristol Township Police Detectives met with two of the eyewitnesses who reported seeing the blue Monte Carlo outside the Victim's home. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 148-49. The detectives brought them to the parking lot of Appellant's apartment complex. Id. at 148-49. A black 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo bearing registration TAX-940 was observed parked nearby Appellant's apartment. Id. Both eyewitnesses stated that the black Monte Carlo was not the vehicle they observed outside of the Victim's home two days earlier. Id. at 148. At that time, one of the detectives ran the black Monte Carlo's registration through the Pennsylvania Bureau of Motor Vehicle records



system. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 148-49. The search showed Appellant and Ms. Atkins as the owners of the vehicle. *Id.*

Appellant and his family were still in The Poconos at the time that the black Monte Carlo was observed and the vehicle tag was run. *Id.* at 151. While Appellant maintained that he did not have more than one vehicle at this time, investigators opined that the family would had to taken a vehicle other than the black Monte Carlo to and from The Poconos. *Id.* Approximately one hour later, at 11:27 a.m., Appellant and his family checked out of their Poconos hotel room and drove home to their apartment in Bucks County. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 18.

The Victim's son, David, testified that Appellant's family was known to have a blue Monte Carlo. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 78. David recalled an occasion prior to the murder in which he visited Appellant's home. *Id.* at 84-85. Appellant was standing next to a blue Monte Carlo in the driveway and told David it was his new car. *Id.* David also recalled seeing a blue Monte Carlo and a black Monte Carlo at Appellant's home. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 149. Additionally, Appellant's cousin provided a photograph taken approximately two weeks prior to the Victim's murder that showed members of Appellant's family with a blue sedan in the background. *Id.* at 106-107.

Appellant was identified as a potential suspect very early in this investigation. After Appellant returned home from The Poconos, in the afternoon of April 21, 1991, Detective Al Eastlack visited Appellant's apartment to speak with him about the Victim's murder. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 19. Detective Eastlack worked in the Narcotics Unit of the Bristol Township Police Department and was known to Appellant. *Id.* Appellant worked with him as a confidential informant, helping to identify drug dealers in Bristol Township. *Id.*

Appellant himself was known to sell and use illicit drugs. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 21; N.T. 1/31/24, p. 145. Ms. Atkins testified that he sold Methamphetamine and Marijuana. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 21. Appellant had sold Marijuana to the Victim and her husband on multiple occasions. *Id.* at 34. In fact, there had been a dispute between the Victim and Appellant in the weeks prior to the murder over the quality of the Marijuana he sold her. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 45. The Victim demanded her money back, but Appellant refused. *Id.* David testified that a few weeks prior to his mother's murder, he overheard a phone conversation between Appellant and his mother in which Appellant was screaming at her and said, "I will fucking kill you and blow up your house." *Id.* at 90-91.

In the months prior to the Victim's murder, multiple instances of vandalism occurred at the Victim's home. *Id.* at 167-70. All four of the Victim's vehicle tires had been slashed. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 167. On another occasion, the back door of the Victim's home was kicked or forced in. *Id.* The Victim's husband installed a safety bar to reinforce the back door. *Id.* On a third occasion, a rock was thrown through the front window of the home. *Id.* at 200.

After Appellant was identified as a suspect in the investigation of the Victim's murder, Detective Eastlack informed another detective, Detective Sam Wisniewski, that he would handle all communication with Appellant and directed Detective

Wisniewski to not speak to him. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 70. When Detective Eastlack visited Appellant on the afternoon of April 21, 1991, he did not interview Ms. Atkins. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 22. Ms. Atkins did not report her observations of Appellant's bloody clothing or their abrupt trip out of town. *Id.* Ms. Atkins testified that she did not report her observations to the police because she had been "physically, mentally, and verbally abused" by Appellant. *Id.* at 23.

The Bristol Township Police Department investigated at least twelve people of interest in 1991. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 143; N.T. 1/31/24, p. 57. Two individuals from a local church who had been at the Victim's home from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on the day of the murders were interviewed and provided alibis. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 139. One of the church representatives, Madison Day, was developed as a suspect because of an extensive criminal record. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 140. However, it was eventually discovered that the criminal record actually belonged to another Bucks County man of the same name. *Id.* Appellant was the only remaining suspect. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 77.

After the community became aware of the Victim's murder, Appellant's former neighbor, Sharon Micklas, contacted Bristol Township Police to make them aware of a dispute she had had with Appellant in October of 1990. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 52-53; N.T. 1/30/24, p. 43. Ms. Micklas testified that she was doing yardwork when some branches fell onto Appellant's property. N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 40-41. He came over to her yard, threw a stick at her, and threatened to "kill her and blow up" her house. *Id.* Ms. Micklas was unaware Appellant was already a suspect in the murder. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 53. She felt the police should be made aware of the dispute and resulting threat. *Id.*

At some point, the investigation stalled. There was renewed interest in the case in 2014 when Detective Michael Slaughter, who joined the Bristol Township Police Department in 1997, was assigned to the case. N.T. 1/31/24, pp. 181, 184. Detective Slaughter focused extensively on DNA evidence in this case, collecting samples from individuals as well as swabbing pieces of evidence for testing.<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 192-93. There were no fruitful results from the submitted samples. *Id.* at 193.

In April of 2014, Detective Slaughter spoke to Ms. Atkins at her daughter's home. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 14. Appellant and Ms. Atkins were no longer married, having divorced in 2006. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 25. Investigators opined that Ms. Atkins had not been forthcoming and honest in her 2014 interview, and Ms. Atkins subsequently admitted she had not been honest. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 15, 34; N.T. 1/30/24, p. 29.

Ms. Atkins kept Detective Slaughter's business card for two years. N.T. 1/29/14, p. 15. On September 11, 2016, Ms. Atkins appeared at the Bristol Township Police Station asking to speak to Detective Slaughter about the Victim's death. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 29. Ms. Atkins consented to an audio recorded statement on September 11, 2016 and September 12, 2016. N.T. *Id.* at 29- 30.

In 2016, the case was transferred from the Bristol Township Police Department to the Bucks County District Attorney's Office. N.T. 1/31/24, p.182. In December of

<sup>5</sup> DNA testing was not available in 1991. N.T. 1/31/24, pp. 192-93.

2021, Detective David Hanks of the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office located Ms. Atkins and obtained her consent to participate in a one-party consensual intercept under the Wiretap Act. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 37. On December 20, 2022, a series of text messages and phone calls between Ms. Atkins and Appellant were intercepted. *Id.* at 37-38.

Pursuant to a ruse aimed at eliciting information from Appellant, Detective Hanks instructed Ms. Atkins to tell Appellant that the police were at her residence to speak with her about the Victim’s murder. *Id.* at 38. Ms. Atkins was directed to tell him that she had previously discussed the murder with her roommate. *Id.* To convey what Ms. Atkins supposedly told her roommate, she sent Appellant a text message that read, “I’m so sorry. Knife & Fire”. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 39. Later, Ms. Atkins’s daughter called her and explained that Appellant had conveyed to Gabriel, Appellant and Ms. Atkin’s son, that he expected to be arrested soon. *Id.* at 41.

At this time, Appellant suddenly started to prepare Gabriel on how to live independently, such as how to cook, clean, and do laundry. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 137. Gabriel testified that Appellant “unburdened” himself and told him that “stuff happened” and that he was stressed about being arrested for the murder of the Victim. *Id.* at 135-136.

A Grand Jury investigation began on January 13, 2022. On May 19, 2022, the Grand Jury voted to present and the case was referred to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office. On May 25, 2022, Appellant was arrested and charged with First Degree Murder<sup>6</sup>, Second Degree Murder<sup>7</sup>, seven counts of Arson<sup>8</sup>, two counts of Robbery<sup>9</sup>, and one count of Burglary<sup>10</sup>. Following a preliminary hearing on September 21, 2022, the charges were held for court.

Following his arrest, Appellant was held without bail at the Bucks County Correctional Facility. Prior to trial, another inmate, David Gentile, reported a conversation he had with Appellant. N.T. 1/29/24, pp. 57-58. Appellant discussed details about the day of the murder and told Mr. Gentile that the Victim’s vehicle was in the driveway at the time of the murder. N.T. 1/31/24, p. 85. Mr. Gentile asked Appellant whether he committed the murder. N.T. 1/29/24, p. 58; N.T. 1/31/24, pp. 82-85. Appellant nodded his head, which Mr. Gentile considered to be an admission that Appellant had murdered the Victim. N.T. 1/31/24, pp. 85-86.

On December 22, 2023, Appellant waived his right to a jury trial and the Court heard testimony from one witness. Trial was continued until January 29, 2024. On February 1, 2024, this Court returned a verdict of guilty as to First Degree Murder and two counts of Arson. Following the verdict, the Commonwealth opted to not pursue a penalty phase.

<sup>6</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 2502(a).

<sup>7</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 2502(b).

<sup>8</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 3301(a)(1)(i).

<sup>9</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(i) and 18 Pa. C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(iii).

<sup>10</sup> 18 Pa. C.S. § 3502(a).

On February 2, 2024, Appellant was sentenced to life imprisonment on the count of First Degree Murder, a consecutive sentence of not less than five nor more than ten years on the count of Arson-Danger of Death or Bodily Injury, and a term of incarceration of not less than ten nor more than twenty years on the count of Arson-Inhabited Building or Structure, to run concurrently with the sentence imposed on the count of First Degree Murder.

On February 12, 2024, Appellant filed a post-sentence motion. The Post-Sentence Motion related largely to allegations of error related to evidentiary rulings and allegations of pre-trial defects. On June 24, 2024, a hearing on the Post-Sentence Motion was held. On June 27, 2024, this Court denied Appellant's Post-Sentence Motion. Appellant filed the instant Notice of Appeal on July 17, 2024.

### **STATEMENT OF MATTERS COMPLAINED ON APPEAL**

On July 17, 2024, this Court Ordered Appellant to file a concise statement of errors complained of on appeal. On August 6, 2024, Appellant filed his Concise Statement of Errors Complained of on Appeal, alleging the following, *verbatim*:

- a. The Court committed an error of law by ruling certain 404(b) evidence admissible at trial, specifically:
  - i. In pre-trial rulings, this Honorable Court incorrectly permitted impermissible 404(b) evidence to be admitted at trial, specifically the testimony of Sharon Wood Miklas that the defendant had become angry with her during an argument over leaves and the defendant stated that he would "kill her and blow up her house".
  - ii. In pre-trial rulings, this Honorable Court incorrectly permitted impermissible 404(b) evidence to be admitted at trial, specifically the testimony of April Atkins that she suffered spousal abuse at the hands of the defendant. This testimony was admitted to explain April Atkins' delay in coming forward with statements incriminating her husband, despite the fact that she was never cross-examined about this delay in reporting;
  - iii. In pre-trial rulings, this Honorable Court incorrectly permitted impermissible 404(b) evidence to be admitted at trial, specifically testimony about the Defendant's illicit drug use during times both relevant to the murder of Joy Hibbs and irrelevant to the murder of Joy Hibbs;
- b. The Court committed an error of law by ruling certain 404(b) evidence inadmissible at trial, specifically:
  - i. Evidence that April Atkins was arrested on October 5, 2022,
  - ii. Evidence that April Atkins had a pending criminal prosecution in Bucks County at the time of trial in this matter,

- c. The Court committed an error of law by denying the Appellant's motion to vacate the judgment of sentence and verdict in this case because they are sponsored by procedural defects incorrectly permitted by this Court and of such consequence that no confidence can be placed in the outcome of this trial, specifically:
- i. This Honorable Court incorrectly failed to quash the Grand Jury presentment that was based largely upon the testimony of April Atkins. This testimony was later determined by this Court to be inadmissible due to spousal privilege. As such April Atkins was an incompetent witness relevant to words uttered by the Defendant during the pendency of their marriage and could not have been testified to by April Atkins during any sworn testimony;
  - ii. This Honorable Court incorrectly failed to grant a writ of Habeas Corpus based upon a preliminary hearing that was based largely upon the testimony of April Atkins. This testimony was later determined by this Court to be inadmissible due to spousal privilege. As such April Atkins was an incompetent witness relevant to words uttered by the Defendant during the pendency of their marriage and could not have been testified to by April Atkins during any sworn testimony.
- d. The Court committed an error of law by denying the Appellant's Motion for a Judgment of Acquittal in this matter because the conviction was against the "manifest weight of the evidence" and as such, cannot stand, specifically:
- i. The Commonwealth produced no direct evidence that the Defendant killed Joy Hibbs
    1. No eyewitness testimony-despite dozens of eyewitnesses being present
    2. No forensic evidence-despite a mountain of potential evidence that was either improperly gathered, stored or tested by investigators
  - ii. Despite 32 years of investigation, the Commonwealth could produce only speculation of the Defendant's guilt-certainly not evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, such as:
    1. The day of Joy Hibbs murder, the Defendant came home "dirty" and "covered with what looked like blood"
    2. The defendant's clothes were never secured or tested

3. Impermissible 404(b) evidence that the Defendant had a temper and would occasionally utter the phrase “I’ll kill you and blow up your house” at times irrelevant to this case.
- iii. Although not required to do so, the Commonwealth produced absolutely no motive for the killing of Joy Hibbs by the Defendant
  1. This Court’s verdict indicated that the Commonwealth’s spurious claim about a drug deal gone bad, or a theft of money, was not supported by the weight of the evidence.
- iv. A jailhouse “snitch” that claims that the Defendant never actually confessed to this murder, but rather the Defendant moved his body in such a way that the witness estimated that he was acknowledging his guilt
- v. The key witness in this case is April Atkins. April Atkins was also the key suspect in the killing of Joy Hibbs until she manufactured inculpatory evidence against her ex-husband, the Defendant
  1. April Atkins is an admitted liar by omission and commission
  2. She either hid the truth for 24 years, or she is now lying to save herself. In either case, her testimony was not worthy of belief
  3. April Atkins is not a credible source of information, independent of her inability to tell the truth. She was a witness with painfully obvious psychiatric and drug abuse issues, as well as a motive to fabricate a story about the Defendant.
- vi. In contrast, the defense produced direct evidence that the Defendant did not kill Joy Hibbs, specifically:
  1. A vehicle other than the Defendant’s black Monte Carlo was seen outside of the victim’s home at the time of the killing.
  2. Viable suspects, investigated since Joy Hibbs was killed in 1991, were never ruled out as suspects by police.
  3. The principal suspect in this case, April Atkins, seemingly and inexplicably cleared herself completely by implicating the Defendant
  4. The corruption present in the Bristol Township Police Department in 1991 made it impossible for the Commonwealth to present a case upon which confidence could be placed

ANALYSIS*I. This Court did not err in admitting prior bad acts evidence against Appellant.*

Appellant contends that this Court erred in admitting evidence regarding prior bad acts of Appellant. Appellant challenges the admissibility as it relates to testimony by Appellant's former neighbor regarding an incident involving Appellant that occurred prior to the murder, testimony by Ms. Atkins regarding spousal abuse, and, finally, testimony regarding Appellant's illicit drug use.

First, in Appellant's Omnibus Pre-trial Motion, Appellant sought to exclude testimony concerning a prior incident between Appellant and Sharon Micklas, a former neighbor of Appellant. Ms. Micklas testified that Appellant threatened to "kill" and "blow up" her house just six months prior to the Victim's murder. N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 40-41. This Court denied Appellant's motion and permitted Ms. Micklas's testimony. Appellant alleges that the Court erred because the testimony is impermissible under Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 404(6).

Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 404 provides for the exclusion of certain evidence that otherwise meets the test for relevance. Under this rule, the Commonwealth may not introduce evidence solely to show that the defendant has a "propensity for committing criminal acts." Commonwealth v. Hairston, 84 A.3d 657, 665 (Pa. 2014) (citing Pa.R.E. 404(b)(1) and Commonwealth v. Lark, 543 A.2d 491 (Pa. 1988)).

Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 404(b) "embodies our pre-codification jurisprudence acknowledging the inadmissibility of propensity evidence." Commonwealth v. Yale, 249 A.3d 1001, 1018 (Pa. 2021). The common law rule held "that a distinct crime, unconnected with that laid in the indictment, cannot be given in evidence against a prisoner. It is not proper to raise a presumption of guilt, on the ground, that having committed one crime, the depravity it exhibits makes it likely he would commit another." Shaffner v. Commonwealth, 72 Pa. 60, 65 (Pa. 1872). The reason for barring this evidence is not one "of relevance, but of policy, i.e., because of a fear that such evidence is so powerful that the jury might misuse the evidence and convict based solely upon criminal propensity." Commonwealth v. Dillon, 925 A.2d 131, 137 (Pa. 2007).

The text of Rule 404(b) codifies this general prohibition. "Evidence of any other crime, wrong, or act is not admissible to prove a person's character in order to show that on a particular occasion the person acted in accordance with the character." Pa.R.E. 404(b)(1). The Rule authorizes exceptions for "another purpose, such as proving motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, absence of mistake, or lack of accident." Pa.R.E. 404(b)(2).

The Commonwealth must establish that "the probative value of the evidence outweighs its potential for unfair prejudice." Id. Unfair prejudice "means a tendency to suggest decision on an improper basis or to divert the [fact-finder's] attention away from the duty of weighing the evidence impartially." Dillon, 925 A.2d at 141. However, in weighing the probative value against prejudicial impact, trial courts are not required to sanitize a trial by removing all unpleasant facts from the fact-finder's consideration. See Id.

The admission of evidence is reviewed for an abuse of discretion. Commonwealth v. Drumheller, 808 A.2d 893, 904 (Pa. 2002). “An abuse of discretion is not merely an error of judgment, but is rather the overriding or misapplication of the law, or the exercise of judgment that is manifestly unreasonable, or the result of bias, prejudice, ill-will or partiality, as shown by the evidence of record.” Commonwealth v. Harris, 884 A.2d 920, 924 (Pa. Super. 2005) (citation omitted).

The threshold question for a Rule 404(b) analysis is whether the evidence is relevant to something other than propensity. “Evidence is relevant if it tends to make a material fact more or less probable than it would be without the evidence.” Commonwealth v. Lehman, 275 A.3d 513, 519 (Pa. Super. 2022) (quoting Commonwealth v. Christine, 125 A.3d 394, 398 (Pa. 2015)); see Pa.R.E. 401.

Here, the testimony from Sharon Micklas regarding the threatening statement made by Appellant was admissible under the exceptions delineated in Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 404(b)(2) for evidence of prior crimes and bad acts. Since the evidence was not offered as propensity evidence, this Court concluded that Appellant’s threatening statement made to Ms. Micklas tended to identify Appellant as the suspect in this case.

Ms. Micklas’s testimony revealed that just six months before the murder, Appellant approached her with a tree branch and threw it at her while exclaiming that he would “kill [her] and blow up [her] house”. N.T. 1/30/24, pp. 40-41. Appellant made this threat in response to a few tree branches falling from Ms. Micklas’s property into Appellant’s yard while she was doing yardwork. When Ms. Micklas learned that another neighbor had been brutally murdered and the murderer set the house on fire after the killing—the two precise acts Appellant had threatened her with just six months earlier—Ms. Micklas immediately thought of Appellant and notified police of the interaction. This evidence is probative of identity, i.e. whether Appellant was the person who had murdered another neighbor and then set the house on fire.

Having concluded that the evidence was offered for a valid purpose that was not relevant only to establish propensity, we address whether the evidence should have been excluded due to its prejudicial impact. This Court, sitting as the fact-finder in this trial, submits that it was not improperly swayed by this evidence and did not accord it any greater weight than it deserved. Hence, Ms. Micklas’s testimony regarding the threats Appellant made to her, which were identical threatened acts to the acts Appellant carried out against the Victim, was more probative than prejudicial as to whether Appellant committed the murder and arson.

Next, in Appellant’s Omnibus Pre-trial Motion, Appellant sought to exclude Ms. Atkins’s testimony regarding spousal abuse she allegedly suffered at the hands of Appellant. By Order dated November 15, 2023, the Court deferred a ruling until the time of trial. At trial, the Commonwealth asked Ms. Atkins why she did not tell police what she knew about the murder. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 23. Ms. Atkins responded, “I was physically, mentally, and verbally abused.” Id. Defense Counsel objected. Id. The Court overruled the objection and permitted the testimony. Id. at 26. The Commonwealth did not ask any further questions regarding the abuse, and Ms. Atkins



did not elaborate on the matter. Appellant contends on appeal that this Court erred in permitting the testimony.

Pennsylvania courts recognize a *res gestae* exception for prior bad acts evidence, which permits “the admission of evidence of other crimes or bad acts to tell the complete story [of the case].” Hairston, at 665. Evidence of prior bad acts may be proper where it is “part of the history or natural development of the case”. Commonwealth v. Brown, 52 A.3d 320, 326 (Pa. Super. 2012). This exception exists to ensure that “the case presented ... [does] not appear in a vacuum.” Commonwealth v. Dillon, 925 A.2d 131, 139 (Pa. 2007). Pennsylvania courts have found that prior bad acts evidence of domestic abuse may be admissible to “demonstrate the chain or sequence of events that formed the history of the case.” Commonwealth v. Drumheller, 808 A.2d 893, 906 (Pa. 2002). Whether evidence is admitted pursuant to the exceptions to Rule 404(b) or the *res gestae* exception, a court must still analyze whether the probative value outweighs the potential for unfair prejudice. See Pa.R.E. 404(b)(2).

Here, Ms. Atkins’s testimony that she was abused by Appellant throughout their marriage was not offered to show Appellant’s propensity for violent and abusive behavior. Rather, it provided insight into the history of the marriage between Appellant and Ms. Atkins and context regarding the delay by Ms. Atkins in providing truthful reports to police until after the allegedly abusive marriage had ended.

This testimony was not so unduly prejudicial as to divert the Court’s attention away from its duty of weighing the evidence impartially. Significantly, Ms. Atkins’s testimony on this subject matter was limited. Her admission came in response to the Commonwealth’s inquiry as to why Ms. Atkins did not report her observations or knowledge regarding the Victim’s murder until many years later. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 23. She alleged that she was physically, mentally and verbally abused. Id. at 25. There were no further questions regarding the alleged abuse, and she did not go into any further detail. This Court, as fact-finder, did not give the testimony greater weight than it deserved. The Court stated on the record that “it has very little weight after 15 years to summarize 15 years of marriage that way. So I’ll allow it. I think it completes the picture.” N.T. 1/30/24, p. 26. Appellant’s contention that this Court erred by admitting the testimony is without merit.

Finally, Appellant contends that this Court erred in permitting prior bad acts evidence relating to Appellant’s illicit drug use during times “both relevant to the murder ... and irrelevant to the murder”. In Appellant’s Omnibus Pre-trial Motion, he sought to preclude evidence of his drug use. In its November 15, 2023 Order, the Court granted the motion. On appeal, Appellant complains that the Court improperly permitted evidence of his illicit drug use during times both relevant to the murder, and irrelevant to the murder.

Appellant does not identify the specific testimony he believes was improperly admitted. We will assume he is referring to Ms. Atkins’s testimony because she testified that Appellant used Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and Cocaine. N.T. 1/30/24, p. 21. She further testified that he was selling Methamphetamine and Marijuana at the time he was working as an informant with the Bristol Township Police Department. Id.

Notably, there was no objection made to this line of questioning. Errors in admitting evidence at trial are usually waived on appeal unless a proper, timely objection was made during the trial. Commonwealth v. Clair, 326 A.2d 272 (Pa. 1974). Accordingly, this Court finds that this issue has been waived.

Even if it had not been waived, Ms. Atkins’s testimony regarding Appellant’s drug use was offered not to demonstrate Appellant’s propensity to use drugs or become violent as a result of consuming said drugs. The testimony was elicited relative to Appellant’s role as an informant with the Bristol Township Police Department, whether Appellant continued to sell drugs while working as an informant, and whether he consumed the drugs he was selling. Appellant’s role as a drug-using, drug-dealing informant to the Bristol Police Department was an important part of this case because it explained the breakdown of the investigation and why attention was diverted away from Appellant as a potential suspect. If Defense Counsel had objected to the introduction of this evidence, the Court would have admitted it under the *res gestae* exception to Rule 404(b). Additionally, we do not find that mention of the drugs Appellant was known to consume was overly prejudicial. It bears repeating that a court is not required to sanitize the record of every negative inference against Appellant.

*II. This Court did not err in excluding evidence regarding Ms. Atkins’s 2022 arrest and pending criminal matter.*

Appellant asserts that this Court erred in excluding evidence of Ms. Atkins’s October 2022 arrest. On October 5, 2022, police received a complaint about Ms. Atkins knocking on a neighbor’s front door. See Exhibit DS-2. Ms. Atkins was holding the neighbor’s mail while she was knocking. Id. When the neighbor did not open the front door, Ms. Atkins left the property while still holding the mail. Id. Police located Ms. Atkins and she was arrested for Public Drunkenness, Theft, and Receiving Stolen Property. Id. The case was ultimately diverted to the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) Program. N.T. 7/24/23, p. 216.

The veracity of a witness may not be impeached by prior arrests which have not led to convictions. See Commonwealth v. Jackson, 381 A.2d 438, 439 (Pa. 1977). A witness’s credibility may not be impeached by the witness’s admission into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program since such admission does not constitute a conviction for purposes of impeachment. See Commonwealth v. Brown, 673 A.2d 975 (Pa. Super. 1996).

Ms. Atkins’s 2022 criminal matter resulted in an ARD disposition. Accordingly, it was properly excluded.

Next, Appellant contends that this Court erred in excluding evidence regarding Ms. Atkins’s pending criminal matter in Bucks County at the time of this trial. In his Pre-Trial Motion, and at the hearing, Appellant argued that Ms. Atkins had a vested interest as a Commonwealth witness to “do what the Commonwealth wants her to do” in hopes that the Commonwealth would be more lenient in her own criminal matter. N.T. 7/24/23, p. 217.

Pennsylvania courts have consistently recognized that evidence of bias is relevant to impeach the credibility of a witness. See Commonwealth v. Birch, 616 A.2d 977 (Pa. 1992). The purpose is to assure that any possible bias of a witness regarding hopes for leniency or actual favorable treatment be revealed to the fact-finder so it can properly evaluate credibility. See Commonwealth v. Nolen, 634 A.2d 192, 196 (Pa. 1993).

Ms. Atkins's pending criminal case was not admissible to demonstrate bias. Ms. Atkins contacted the Bristol Police Department to share the previously withheld information more than five years *prior* to her October 2022 arrest that led to her own criminal matter. Additionally, Ms. Atkins testified twice in this matter before her arrest occurred. Her testimony each time was consistent, and it remained unchanged after her arrest. There is no evidence that she was testifying in this trial simply to positively impact the outcome of her own criminal matter. In fact, her case was approved for ARD by an Assistant District Attorney wholly uninvolved in this matter, and who was unaware of who Ms. Atkins was, according to Defense Counsel. N.T. 7/24/23, pp. 216- 17.

Accordingly, this Court properly excluded evidence of Ms. Atkins's October 2022 arrest and resulting criminal matter and Appellant's argument is without merit.

*III. This Court did not err in denying Appellant's Motion to Vacate the Judgment of Sentence and Verdict.*

Appellant alleges that the case is "sponsored by procedural defects" permitted by this Court. First, Appellant alleges that the Court incorrectly failed to quash the Grand Jury presentment. Appellant contends that the presentment was based largely on the testimony of Ms. Atkins and that her testimony related to a particular statement made by Appellant that was later determined inadmissible pursuant to spousal privilege. Specifically, this Court ruled that an incriminating statement made by Appellant to Ms. Atkins upon returning to their marital home on the afternoon of the murder was inadmissible as a confidential communication protected by spousal privilege.

The decision to grant or deny a motion to quash a criminal information or indictment is within the sound discretion of the trial judge. See Commonwealth v. Lebron, 765 A.2d 293 (Pa. Super. 2000). "Discretion is abused when the course pursued by the trial court represents not merely an error in judgment, but where the judgment is manifestly unreasonable or where the law is not applied or where the record shows that the action is a result of partiality, prejudice, bias or ill will." *Id.* at 294-95. A court should not grant a motion to quash except in a clear case where it is convinced that harm has been done to the defendant by improper conduct that interfered with his or her substantial rights. See Commonwealth v. Niemetz, 422 A.2d 1369 (Pa. Super. 1980).

A motion to quash is an appropriate means for raising defects apparent on the face of the information or other defects which would prevent prosecution. Commonwealth v. Moser, 476 A.2d 980, 981 (Pa. Super. 1984). It is neither a

guilt determining procedure nor a pre-trial means for determining the sufficiency of the Commonwealth's evidence. See Commonwealth v. McKeirnan, 487 A.2d 7 (Pa. Super. 1985). Neither the adequacy, incompetency, or even illegality of the Commonwealth's evidence can be tested by a motion to quash the information or indictment. Commonwealth v. Finley, 860 A.2d 132, 135 (Pa. Super. 2004).

Here, Appellant's Motion to Quash sought dismissal of this case because the Commonwealth elicited testimony concerning confidential communications that were protected by spousal privilege.<sup>11</sup> At the Grand Jury proceedings, Ms. Atkins testified that Appellant returned to their apartment on the afternoon of the murder and told her that he "stabbed somebody and [] lit a house on fire." N.T. 9/21/22, p. 122. On appeal, Appellant further argues that because this statement was later determined to be inadmissible, Ms. Atkins was an incompetent witness "relevant to words uttered by [Appellant]".

Appellant's argument must fail. As discussed above, Pennsylvania courts have made it clear that the incompetency of the Commonwealth's evidence is not a viable argument for a motion to quash. Accordingly, this Court properly denied the Motion to Quash.

Next, Appellant contends that this Court erred in denying Appellant's Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus. Appellant's Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus sought dismissal of this matter because, at the Preliminary Hearing stage, the Commonwealth relied "largely" on Appellant's statement that he "stabbed somebody and [] lit a house on fire".

"It is well-settled that the preliminary hearing serves a limited function. The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to avoid the incarceration or trial of a defendant unless there is sufficient evidence to establish a crime was committed and the probability the defendant could be connected with the crime." Commonwealth v. Fox, 619 A.2d 327, 332 (Pa. Super. 1993). The preliminary hearing is not a trial. Commonwealth v. McBride, 595 A.2d 589, 591 (Pa. 1991). "[T]he difference in purpose between a preliminary hearing and a trial dictates a different enforcement of the rules of evidence." Commonwealth v. Troop, 571 A.2d 1084, 1089 (Pa. Super. 1990). Where a criminal defendant seeks to challenge the sufficiency of the evidence presented at his preliminary hearing, he may do so by filing a writ of habeas corpus. See McBride, 595 A.2d at 589.

"At the pre-trial stage of a criminal prosecution, it is not necessary for the Commonwealth to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt[.]" Commonwealth v. Huggins, 836 A.2d 862, 866 (Pa. 2003). "A *prima facie* case exists when the Commonwealth produces evidence of each of the material elements of the crime charged and establishes probable cause to warrant the belief that the accused committed the offense." Commonwealth v. Weigle, 997 A.2d 306, 311 (Pa. 2010). Further, the evidence must be considered in the light most favorable to the Commonwealth. See Commonwealth v. Zeringo, 257 A.2d 692 (Pa. Super. 1969).

<sup>11</sup> 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 5913, 5914.

It is well-settled that “the evidentiary sufficiency, or lack thereof, of the Commonwealth’s *prima facie* case for a charged crime is a question of law as to which an appellate court’s review is plenary.” Commonwealth v. Karetny, 880 A.2d 505, 513 (Pa. 2005). The Pennsylvania Superior Court has found that a trial court erred in granting a petition for writ of habeas corpus on the basis that the evidence produced at the preliminary hearing might be subject to exclusion at trial. See Commonwealth v. Keller, 823 A.2d 1004 (Pa. Super. 2003).

In his Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus, Appellant contends that the statement that he allegedly made to his then-wife, Ms. Atkins, that he “stabbed somebody and [] lit a house on fire”<sup>12</sup> should not have been admitted at the Preliminary Hearing and that without such statement the Commonwealth failed to establish a *prima facie* case against him. Because the statement relates to the stabbing death of the Victim and subsequent house fire, we will address only the evidence presented related to the elements of the crimes of First Degree Murder and Arson.

To sustain a charge of First Degree Murder, the Commonwealth must show that a human being was unlawfully killed, the accused committed the killing, and the accused acted with a specific intent to kill. 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502(a); Commonwealth v. Diggs, 949 A.2d 873, 877 (Pa. 2008). It is a specific intent to kill that distinguishes murder in the first degree from other lesser grades of murder. Commonwealth v. Fletcher, 861 A.2d 898, 907 (Pa. 2004). Relevant to this case and the identity of the murderer, the Commonwealth needed to establish “probable cause to warrant the belief that the accused committed the offense.” Commonwealth v. Weigle, 997 A.2d 306, 311 (Pa. 2010).

At the Preliminary Hearing, the Commonwealth presented evidence that the Victim was stabbed multiple times and manually strangled, and that the perpetrator then set multiple fires and turned on the gas stove burners within the house that the Victim shared with her family, necessitating firefighters to respond to extinguish the fires. N.T. 9/21/22, pp. 20, 24. The Commonwealth elicited testimony that Appellant knew the Victim and sold her Marijuana on multiple occasions and that a few weeks prior to the murder, Appellant and the Victim had a dispute over Marijuana in which Appellant threatened on multiple occasions to kill her and blow up her house. Id. at 87-88, 99-100, 163. Additionally, the Commonwealth presented witnesses who testified that Appellant owned the same make and model of the vehicle that was seen parked haphazardly outside of the Victim’s home at the time the murder occurred. Id. at 31-34, 39, 143-144.

The Commonwealth also presented evidence that Appellant returned to his apartment messy and with what appeared to be blood stains on his clothing, that he had a folding knife in his pocket, and that he rushed his family out of town for a spontaneous trip to The Poconos. Id. at 112, 122. Finally, the lower court heard testimony that Appellant confided in his son that he was worried he was going to be arrested for “something that happened a long time ago” involving a woman’s death and that Appellant then began preparing his son how to live independently. N.T. 9/21/22, pp. 196-97.

<sup>12</sup> N.T. 9/21/22, p. 122.

The evidence presented clearly meets the standard of a *prima facie* case of First Degree Murder. As described above, the evidence presented establishes: that the Victim was unlawfully killed by stabbing and manual strangulation; probable cause to warrant the belief that Appellant is the person who committed the murder; and that he acted with specific intent to cause the death of the Victim by stabbing her repeatedly, manually strangling her, and then setting her house on fire. Accordingly, despite Appellant's argument to the contrary, the Commonwealth established a *prima facie* case of First Degree Murder with or without the admission of Ms. Atkins's testimony regarding his confession that he stabbed someone.

The crime of Arson requires the Commonwealth to establish that a person intentionally started a fire or caused an explosion, and thereby recklessly placed another person in danger of death or bodily injury, including but not limited to a firefighter, police officer or other person actively engaged in fighting the fire; or intentionally started a fire or caused an explosion with the purpose of destroying or damaging an inhabited building or occupied structure. 18 Pa. C.S. §§ 3301(a)(1)(i), 3301(a)(1)(ii).

Here, as described above, the Commonwealth presented evidence that multiple fires were intentionally set inside the family home of the Victim, evidenced by the multiple points of origin and the gas burners being left on. Appellant's actions placed other people, namely the Victim's family and the responding firefighters, in danger of death or bodily injury. The evidence further showed that Appellant set the fires after he had already killed the Victim. Accordingly, this evidence demonstrates that Appellant intended to destroy the home. As such, a *prima facie* case relative to both subsections of Arson were established at the Preliminary Hearing, with or without Appellant's statement that he set a "house on fire".

*IV. Appellant's convictions for First Degree Murder and Arson are not against the weight of the evidence.*

Finally, Appellant contends that the convictions for First Degree Murder and Arson are against the weight of the evidence. "The weight of the evidence is exclusively for the finder of fact[,] who is free to believe all, none or some of the evidence and to determine the credibility of the witnesses." Commonwealth v. Johnson, 668 A.2d 97, 101 (Pa. 1995).

Appellate review of a weight claim is a review of the exercise of discretion, not of the underlying question of whether the verdict is against the weight of the evidence. Because the trial judge has had the opportunity to hear and see the evidence presented, an appellate court will give the gravest consideration to the findings and reasons advanced by the trial judge when reviewing a trial court's determination that the verdict is against the weight of the evidence.

Commonwealth v. Clay, 64 A.3d 1049, 1055 (Pa. 2013) (citations omitted). In order for a defendant to prevail on a challenge to the weight of the evidence, "the evidence

must be so tenuous, vague and uncertain that the verdict shocks the conscience of the court.” *Commonwealth v. Sullivan*, 820 A.2d 795, 806 (Pa. Super. 2003). The finder of fact has the duty to determine the credibility of the testimony and evidence presented at trial. See *Commonwealth v. Collins*, 70 A.3d 1245, 1251 (Pa. Super. 2013) (stating that “[a]n appellate court cannot substitute its judgment for that of the finder of fact.”).

Appellant offers nineteen points to support his argument that the Court’s Verdict was against the weight of the evidence. Several of the points have been discussed above, so we have distilled Appellant’s arguments into the following four arguments: (1) there was a lack of direct evidence that Appellant killed the Victim; (2) there was no evidence of motive produced; (3) the corruption within the Bristol Township Police Department in 1991 made it impossible to present a case upon which confidence could be placed; and (4) there was direct evidence that Appellant did not kill the Victim.

The Commonwealth presented a plethora of evidence from a variety of witnesses. Each witness consistently testified to the same general facts outlined above: Appellant sold the Victim Marijuana on multiple occasions, there was a weeks-long dispute over the quality of the Marijuana, Appellant had threatened to kill her and blow up her house, Appellant was identified as a suspect within hours of the autopsy results showing that the Victim was murdered, the fire investigation concluded that there were multiple points of origin for the fire and that it was intentionally started, Appellant remained the prime suspect throughout the thirty year history of this case, and Appellant owned the same make and model vehicle that was seen by several eyewitnesses outside the Victim’s home at the time of the murder.

This Court did not hear any conflicting evidence other than the color of Appellant’s vehicle and whether it was black or blue. The Court heard about issues within the Bristol Township Police Department in 1991, but it also heard substantial testimony about the intervening investigation of this case that occurred decades later by law enforcement who were not involved in the original investigation and who were not employed by the Bristol Township Police Department in 1991.

The aforementioned evidence is not tenuous, vague, or uncertain, and the verdict was not so contrary to the evidence as to shock the conscience. Appellant’s weight of the evidence claim merits no relief.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, this Court respectfully requests the Superior Court affirm this Court’s Judgment of Sentence.

/s/ Wallace H. Bateman, Jr.  
WALLACE H, BATEMAN, JR., J.

**Sheriff's Sale***Third and Final Publication*

By virtue of a Writ of Execution to me directed, will be sold at public sale Friday, November 8, 2024 at 11 o'clock A.M., Eastern Prevailing Time, at the Bucks County Administration Building, 55 East Court Street, in the Borough of Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania the following real estate to wit:

**BRISTOL BOROUGH**

DOCKET #2023-07650

ALL THAT CERTAIN MESSUAGE, TENEMENT AND TRACT OF LAND, SITUATE IN THE SIXTH WARD OF THE **BOROUGH OF BRISTOL**, AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

TAX PARCEL #04-028-148.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 226 Harrison St., Bristol, PA 19007.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **CHARLES FAVATA, IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEIR OF JOSEPH J. FAVATA; UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER JOSEPH J. FAVATA.**

**ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC**  
FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**BRISTOL TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2024-00681

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE **TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL**, COUNTY OF BUCKS AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

TAX PARCEL #05-046-393.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 628 Saxony Drive, Fairless Hills, PA 19030.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **KEVIN WILLIAM SACKETT a/k/a KEVIN SACKETT a/k/a KEVIN W. SACKETT.**

**KML LAW GROUP, P.C.**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2024-02160

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PIECE OF GROUND, SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD, COUNTY OF BUCKS AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

TAX PARCEL #20-077-024.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2075 Leedom's Drive, Newtown, PA 18940.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **PAUL JACOB, TERRI JACOB.**

**STERN & EISENBERG PC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2023-07443

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate and being at Levittown, in the **TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN**, County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shown and designated as Lot 7839-J on subdivision of Cobalt Ridge, Levittown, Section 69, filed in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Bucks County, PA, on 1/18/53, in Plan Book 9 page 15.

TAX PARCEL #22-62-118.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 41 Crown Road, Levittown, PA 19057.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **WAYNE L. SCHILLINGS, JR., SOLELY AS HEIR OF LOIS M. SCHILLINGS; SUSAN M. BROUNCE, SOLELY AS HEIR OF LOIS M. SCHILLINGS; BRIAN K. SCHILLINGS, SOLELY AS HEIR OF LOIS M. SCHILLINGS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTREST FROM OR UNDER LOIS M. SCHILLINGS, DECEASED, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**HILL WALLA CK LLP**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA



**MORRISVILLE BOROUGH**

DOCKET #2022-04047

All that certain piece or parcel or Tract of land situate in **MORRISVILLE BOROUGH**, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and being known as 315 Green Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania 19067.

TAX PARCEL #24-012-026.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 315 Green Street, Morrisville, PA 19067.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **ROBERT L. SMITH, BONNIE FAITH SMITH.****McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

DOCKET #2024-02545

ALL THOSE CERTAIN lots, tracts and parcel of land together with the improvements thereon erected situate lying and being in the **BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE**, County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #24-010-192.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 176 Anderson Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **NEIL O'KEEFE.****LAW OFFICES OF GREGORY JAVARDIAN, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

DOCKET #2024-03995

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in **BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE**, County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #24-006-146.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 Clymer Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **DOUGLAS DAVIS.****POWERS KIRN, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2024-00822

All that certain piece or parcel or Tract of land situate in the **TOWNSHIP OF NOCKAMIXON**, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and being known as 366 Lake Warren Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania 18972.

TAX PARCEL #30-013-068.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 366 Lake Warren Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **JASON ARTHUR VOPLÉ a/k/a JASON A. VOLPE.****McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**PERKASIE BOROUGH**

DOCKET #2024-03472

ALL THAT MESSUAGE and tract of land together with the dwelling now thereon erected known as 604 West Walnut Street in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward of **PERKASIE BOROUGH**, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #33-005-101.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 604 West Walnut Street, Perkasio, PA 18944.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **LORNA A. ELDON.****LAW OFFICES OF GREGORY JAVARDIAN, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, PA

**PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2023-04305

4365 Burnt House Hill Road, Doylestown, PA 18902.

UPI# 34-023-022-006.

**PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP,**

Bucks County, PA.

TAX PARCEL #34-023-022-006.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4365 Burnt House Hill Road, Doylestown, PA 18902.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **AMAL RAMADAN.**

**H. JEFFREY BRAHIN**, Esquire  
FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff’s Office, Doylestown, PA

**QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH**

DOCKET #2023-04878

ALL THAT CERTAIN LEASEHOLD INTEREST in the lot or piece of ground, hereditaments and appurtenances, situate in the **BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN**, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #35-002-033.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1 North West End Boulevard, Quakertown, PA 18951.

IMPROVEMENTS: COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **QUAKERTOWN OUTDOOR, LLC. DILWORTH PAXON, LLP**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff’s Office, Doylestown, PA

**SELLERSVILLE TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2022-04270

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in **TOWNSHIP OF SELLERSVILLE**, County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #15-007-096.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 144 Hampshire Drive, Sellersville, PA 18960.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **JAMES J. KEESLER, AMY KEESLER. POWERS KIRN, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff’s Office, Doylestown, PA

**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2023-07716

ALL THAT certain lot or piece of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and appurtenances, SITUATE in the **TOWNSHIP OF WARRINGTON**, County of Bucks,

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described according to a Plan of Orchard Hill Amendment made by Carroll Engineering Corporation, dated December 8, 1989 and recorded 09/25/2002 in Bucks County in Land Record Book 2901 Page 814.

TAX PARCEL #50-029-223.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2341 Orchard Hill Circle, Warrington, PA 18976.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **ANTHONY STAFFIERI.**

**TIMONEY KNOX, LLP**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff’s Office, Doylestown, PA

**WARWICK TOWNSHIP**

DOCKET #2024-00813

ALL THAT CERTAIN brick message and lot or piece of land, situate in the **TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK**, County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TAX PARCEL #51-007-071.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1072 Jamison Street, Warminster, PA 18974.

IMPROVEMENTS: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: **DAVID MOSHER.**

**LAW OFFICES OF GREGORY JAVARDIAN, LLC**

FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff  
Sheriff’s Office, Doylestown, PA

TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST AND CLAIMANTS: A schedule of distribution will be filed by the Sheriff within thirty days of date of sale and the distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten days thereafter.

Judgment was recovered in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County Civil Action – as numbered above. No further notice of the filing of the Schedule of Distribution will be given.

The above properties are to be sold by FREDERICK A. HARRAN, Sheriff, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Oct. 17, 24, 31

**Change of Name**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2024-06303

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **MARGARET ANN BROWN to MARS BROWN.**

The Court has fixed the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom No. 350, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

**Elissa C. Goldberg**, Solicitor  
107 N. Broad St.  
Ste. 211  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Oct. 31

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2024-05246

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **ZANDER ALAN PETERSON DESRIS to ZANDER ALAN DESRIS.**

The Court has fixed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom No. 350, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

**Abigail C.S. Bukowski**, Solicitor  
60 E. Court St.  
P.O. Box 1389  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Oct. 31

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2024-06212

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **TYLER JACOB DOWNS to MELODY VALERIE DOWNS.**

The Court has fixed the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom No. 350, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Oct. 31

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2024-05750

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **IAN ROBERT ELRATH to ALISON SAURUS ELRATH.**

The Court has fixed the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom No. 330, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

**Elissa C. Goldberg**, Solicitor  
107 N. Broad St.  
Ste. 211  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Oct. 31

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2024-04942

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **GABRIEL EVAN KINGSLEY and MATTHEW ELIJAH KINGSLEY to GABRIEL EVAN KLINK and MATTHEW ELIJAH KLINK.**

The Court has fixed the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom No. 330, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Oct. 31

### Charter Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, approved December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No. 177, effective October 1, 1989, as amended.

**Final Delivery Inc** has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Oct. 31

### Confirmation of Account

LINDA BOBRIN, ESQUIRE, CLERK of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County:

HEREBY GIVES NOTICE PURSUANT TO Section 745 of the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code that the following Fiduciaries will present their accounts, theretofore filed with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division for Audit and Confirmation pursuant to Sections 3511, 5163, 5533 and 7183 of said Code at 10:00 A.M. on **Monday, November 4, 2024, in Courtroom 260 on the 2nd floor** of the BUCKS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 100 N. MAIN STREET, DOYLESTOWN, PA.

ANY PERSON who fails to present his/her claim or make objections in person or by attorney at the audit or confirmation of the account will be barred forever from so doing. Estate of **DONATO DePALMA** – Anna Marie Marino, Executrix  
Trust Under Will of **MILDRED KLETZING** – Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee

Trust Under Will of **RUSSELL C. KLETZING** – Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee

Estate of **JOSEPH A. DiEGIDIO** – Marcel Groen and Linda M. Rementer, Co-Executors  
LINDA BOBRIN, ESQUIRE  
REGISTER OF WILLS  
AND CLERK OF THE  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF BUCKS COUNTY

Oct. 24, 31

### Corporate Dissolution

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, notice is hereby given that **Middletown Anesthesia Group PC** is currently in the process of voluntarily dissolving.

Oct. 31

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, notice is hereby given that **RATTLESNAKE & MINE HILL WILDLIFE PRESERVATION TRUST** is currently in the process of voluntarily dissolving.

**Lindsay R. Norton**, Solicitor  
Grim, Biehn & Thatcher  
104 South Sixth Street  
P.O. Box 215  
Perkasie, PA 18944-0215

Oct. 31

### Estate Notice

Notice is hereby given that in the estates of the decedents set forth below the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estates are requested to make known the same, and all person indebted to said estates are requested to make payment without delay, to the executors or administrators or their attorneys named below.

#### First Publication

**ALEXOPOULOS, STEPHEN**, dec'd.

Late of Middletown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **STEPHANIE A. FAVALE**,  
299 Brick Church Road, Saylorsburg, PA  
18353.

Attorney: **RUSSELL P. SACCO**, 57 S.  
Main Street, Yardley, PA 19067.

**BURNS, DORRIS M.**, dec'd.

Late of Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **BETH ANN FEILER** c/o  
Bowen & Burns, 530 Street Rd., P.O. Box  
572, Southampton, PA 18966.

Attorney: **GERALD L. BOWEN, JR.**,  
Bowen & Burns, 530 Street Rd., P.O. Box  
572, Southampton, PA 18966.

**CLAYTON, CHARLOTTE M.**, dec'd.

Late of Lower Southampton Township,  
Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **TERESA MATLACK** c/o  
John H. Filice, Esquire, Rubin, Glickman,  
Steinberg & Gifford, P.C., 2605 N. Broad  
Street, P.O. Box 1277, Lansdale, PA  
19446.

Attorney: **JOHN H. FILICE**, Rubin,  
Glickman, Steinberg & Gifford, P.C.,  
2605 N. Broad Street, P.O. Box 1277,  
Lansdale, PA 19446.

**COHEN, SABRA ANN** a/k/a **SABRA A.  
COHEN** and **SABRA COHEN**, dec'd.

Late of Warminster Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executrix: **ELIZABETH L. HOFFMAN**,  
116 Bala Ave., Orelan, PA 19075.

Attorney: **ROBERT C. GERHARD,  
III**, 815 Greenwood Ave., Ste. #8,  
Jenkintown, PA 19046.

**DONNER, LEILA DORIS**, dec'd.

Late of Newtown Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executrix: **JANET DONNER** c/o D.  
Keith Brown, Esq., 2 N. State St., P.O.  
Box 70, Newtown, PA 18940.

Attorney: **D. KEITH BROWN**, Stuckert  
and Yates, 2 N. State St., P.O. Box 70,  
Newtown, PA 18940.

**FEYKO, JOHN** and **JOAN**, dec'd.

Late of Yardley, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **JILL KARYCKI**, 24  
Morningside Drive, Yardley, PA 19067.

**FICHERA, VINCENT**, dec'd.

Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executrix: **DENISE STACKHOUSE**  
c/o Gerald R. Clarke, Esq., 119 S. Easton  
Rd., Ste. 207, Glenside, PA 19038.

Attorney: **GERALD R. CLARKE**,  
Clarke & Associates, 119 S. Easton Rd.,  
Ste. 207, Glenside, PA 19038.

**FLAGG, CARL L.**, dec'd.

Late of Falls Township, Bucks County,  
PA.

Executrix: **HILDAMARIE PELLETIER**  
a/k/a **HILDA PELLETIER** c/o Joseph  
M. Ramagli, Esquire, 6 Penns Trail, Suite  
202, Newtown, PA 18940.

Attorney: **JOSEPH M. RAMAGLI**,  
Caracappa Cook Scott & Ramagli, PC,  
6 Penns Trail, Suite 202, Newtown, PA  
18940.

**FRIEDEL, JOHN W.** a/k/a **JACK FIEDEL**,  
dec'd.

Late of West Rockhill, Bucks County, PA.

Executor: **KENNETH KAUFFMAN**,  
1250 Ridge Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960.

**HANNER, ELKE K.** a/k/a **ELKE KARIN  
HANNER**, dec'd.

Late of Middletown Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executors: **SUSANNE K. MOUSLEY**,  
179 Hulmeville Rd., Langhorne, PA  
19047 and **ULRICH K. HANNER**, 29  
W. Golf View Rd., Havertown, PA 19083.

Attorney: **DAVID W. BIRNBAUM**,  
Howland Hess Birnbaum, 2444  
Huntingdon Pike, Bethayres, PA 19006.

**HAYES, DEBRA**, dec'd.

Late of Southampton, Bucks County, PA.  
Administrator: **RICHARD H. HAYES**,  
1213 Davisville Road, Southampton, PA  
18966.

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**LEYLAND, JOSEPH, JR.** a/k/a **LARRY  
LEYLAND**, dec'd.

Late of Levittown, Bucks County, PA.  
Executrix: **MELISSA TOSCANO**, 668  
Evans Way, The Villages, FL 32162.

**LYNN, CHARLES ALBERT, JR.**, dec'd.

Late of Bristol Township, Bucks County,  
PA.

Administratrix: **LISA L. LYNN**, 123  
Shady Lane Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA  
17972.

Attorney: **MATTHEW R. FINER**, Karen  
Ann Ulmer, P.C., 174 Middletown Blvd.,  
Suite 300, Langhorne, PA 19047.

**MARTINES, EILEEN G.**, dec'd.

Late of Warminster Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executrix: **IRENE HAAS** c/o D. Keith  
Brown, Esq., 2 N. State St., P.O. Box 70,  
Newtown, PA 18940.

Attorney: **D. KEITH BROWN**, Stuckert  
and Yates, 2 N. State St., P.O. Box 70,  
Newtown, PA 18940.

**O'BRIEN, FRANCIS J.** a/k/a **FRANK  
O'BRIEN**, dec'd.

Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Administratrix: **HELEN ANNE  
O'BRIEN** c/o Steven M. Zelinger, Esq.,  
1650 Market St., Ste. 3600, Philadelphia,  
PA 19103.

Attorney: **STEVEN M. ZELINGER**,  
Steven M. Zelinger, LLC, 1650 Market  
St., Ste. 3600, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**PACKEL, LEONARD**, dec'd.

Late of Doylestown, Bucks County, PA  
Executor: **DANIEL HOWARD  
PACKEL** c/o Dana M. Breslin, 3305  
Edgmont Ave., Brookhaven, PA 19015.

Attorney: **DANA M. BRESLIN**, 3305  
Edgmont Ave., Brookhaven, PA 19015.

**RITER, EDWARD W., III**, dec'd.

Late of Springfield Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Executrix: **KAREN E. RITER**.  
Attorney: **JARON P. CASTRANIO**,  
Jackson Law Firm, PLLC, 1215 Manor  
Drive, Suite 202, Mechanicsburg, PA  
17055.

**SAPNAS, EVELYN**, dec'd.

Late of Newtown, Newtown Township,  
Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **PATRICIA K. SAPNAS**, 200  
N. Sycamore St., Apt. 31, Newtown, PA  
18940.

**SHRANK, HARRY**, dec'd.

Late of Lower Makefield Township,  
Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **ELLA SHRANK** c/o Jonathan  
H. Ellis, Esq., One Tower Bridge, 100 Front  
St., Ste. 100, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

Attorney: **JONATHAN H. ELLIS**,  
Flaster Greenberg PC, One Tower Bridge,  
100 Front St., Ste. 100, Conshohocken,  
PA 19428.

**SPIEGEL, JOSEPH**, dec'd.

Late of Levittown, Falls Twp., Bucks  
County, PA.

Administrator: **JOHN SPIEGEL**, 14  
Morning Glory Lane, Levittown, PA  
19054.

**TRUONG, AMY**, dec'd.

Late of Buckingham Township, Bucks  
County, PA.

Administrator: **BAO BINH NHU  
TRUONG**, 10809 Ridgeview Way, San  
Jose, CA 95127.

Attorney: **MICHAEL L. GALBRAITH**,  
Galbraith Law, LLC, 1845 Walnut St.,  
25<sup>th</sup> Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**WILKINSON, THOMAS D.**, dec'd.

Late of Jamison, Bucks County, PA.

Administratrix: **KAREN S.  
WILKINSON**, 2807 Wakefield Road,  
Jamison, PA 18929.

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## Fictitious Name

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act of Assembly, No. 295, approved December 16, 1982, effective March 16, 1983, of intention to file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Corporations at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a Certificate for the conduct of a business in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, under the assumed or fictitious name, style wor designation of:

**Erin and Out** with its principal place of business 3780 Morrison Way, Doylestown, PA 18902.

The name and address of the person owning or interested in said business are Erin Payne, 3780 Morrison Way, Doylestown, PA 18902.

The certificate will be filed on or about October 8, 2024.

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**LUCATELLI'S PIZZERIA** with its principal place of business 73 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901.

The name and address of the entity owning or interested in said business are Doylestown Schiano Inc, 120 Sarahs Lane, Horsham, PA 19044.

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**sevenfortysevencreations** with its principal place of business 30 S. 15th St., Ste. 1550, #951920, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The name and address of the person owning or interested in said business are Carley Mains, 30 S. 15th St., Ste. 1550, #951920, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The certificate will be filed on or about August 23, 2024.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act of Assembly, No. 295, effective March 16, 1983, of the filing in the office of the Department of State, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA for an Application for the conduct of business in Bucks County, PA, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of **VALLEY VETERINARY CENTER OF BUCKINGHAM**, with the principal place of business at 2137 Durham Rd., New Hope, PA 18938. The name and address of the entity interested in said business is CT Feaster Veterinary Practices, LLC, 2137 Durham Rd., New Hope, PA 18938.

**Antheil, Maslow & MacMinn, LLP**, Solicitors  
131 W. State St.  
Doylestown, PA 18901

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## Foreign Withdrawal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, **WM Healthcare Solutions, Inc.**, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware intends to withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office in its jurisdiction of incorporation is 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801 and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is CT Corporation System.

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## Trust Notice

Notice is hereby given that the settlor of the revocable trust set forth below has died, and no personal representative has been appointed for said decedent's estate. All persons having claims or demand against said decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the trustee or the trustee's attorney as named below:

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#### **TULEJA, ATHENA**, dec'd.

Late of Perkasio Borough, Bucks County, PA.

Trustees: **LAURINE E. TULEJA, CYNTHIA J. TULEJA** and **STEPHEN T. TULEJA** c/o Brook Hastings, Esquire, 275 South Main Street, Suite 11, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Attorney: **BROOK HASTINGS**, 275 South Main Street, Suite 11, Doylestown, PA 18901.

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## **2024 ANNUAL DINNER**

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting,  
the Annual Dinner will take place at 6:00 p.m.

**The Doylestown Country Club**  
20 Country Club Lane  
Doylestown, PA 18901

\$130.00 for Members

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