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# April Quarterly Meeting

Date:  
**Thursday, April 27, 2023**



Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice,  
**Hon. P. Kevin Brobson,**  
will present a 1 Hour CLE following lunch and the business  
part of the W-BLLA Meeting.

**Time:**  
11:30 a.m.-Noon  
Lunch and Bar Association Meeting

Noon-1:00 p.m.  
**LIVE CLE Presentation**  
Worth 1 Substantive Credit

W-BLLA (#53)  
Is an Accredited CLE Provider.

***TO REGISTER:***  
Go to Bar Website:

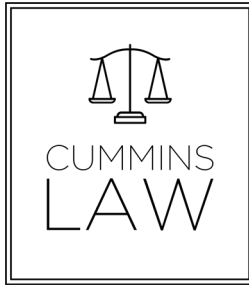
**Luzernecountybar.com**  
**Or Respond to the Link on the Constant**  
**Contact which is being sent to Everyone.**

**Location:**  
The Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre

**Cost:**  
**W-BLLA Meeting & Lunch is \$15.00 for W-BLLA**  
**Members from 11:30 a.m. to Noon.**

**CLE Hour is FREE for W-BLLA Members**  
\$35.00 - Non-Members to attend.  
From Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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***Associate Attorney—Insurance Defense Firm  
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**Cummins Law**, an Insurance Defense Firm located in Clarks Summit, PA seeks a full-time associate attorney preferably with 1-3 years' experience. Judicial clerkship experience a plus. Attorney will be tasked with handling all aspects of the defense of civil litigation matters, with a focus on auto accident and premises liability matters. Excellent writing, communication, research and analytical skills required.

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TRAVEL COMMITTEE'S  
PROPOSED CLEs (2023)

Focus: **Travel and Human Trafficking**

Members of the Travel CLE Committee have concurred with presenting CLEs abroad, as in past years, and are committed to presenting an hour CLE at this year's Bench Bar Conference.

The topic this year will be focused on the ugly side of travel, that being its ease of human trafficking. According to the U.S. Department of State, there are an estimated 24.9 million victims of human trafficking worldwide at any given time.

Overview of the CLEs will be the connection between travel and the victimization that results from human trafficking, and the legal needs of the victims. There will also be a component related to awareness/recognition, criminal justice, legislation and prevention.

Summary of Legal Needs:

**Civil Law—**

Trafficking victims have a wide range of civil legal needs, depending on their personal circumstances and the trafficking situation they endured. Some will need only limited legal services for a short period of time, while others will have multiple legal issues that may last for many years.

Legal services partners might include domestic violence agencies that provide legal representation, general legal aid agencies, law school clinical programs, specialized legal service organizations, such as those that focus on specific

legal issues (immigration, employment, or family law) or specific populations (children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, LGBTQ populations, or people with disabilities), and public defenders or other criminal defense providers.

Legal issues commonly presented by trafficking victims include immigration or repatriation, family law, and public benefits access.

Civil litigation can include trafficking survivors filing civil lawsuits against their traffickers or those involved in the trafficking operation. This may include charges of human trafficking, violations of labor and employment laws, violations of contracts, and other violations of civil law. These actions may help survivors obtain greater damages, and when criminal charges cannot be filed, pursuing a case as the plaintiff in a civil suit can help survivors reverse their victim status and feel in charge of their lives once again.

### **Family Law—**

Victims might need a Protection or Restraining Order to order the trafficker to stay away from the victim and/or to return the victim's possessions. These orders may be included in any criminal proceeding, but victims may need to seek a civil order while the case is pending or when there is no criminal case. Victims, particularly those who are related to their traffickers, may need assistance with separation, divorce, child custody and support, guardianship, or adoption. Even the strongest families can be irreparably damaged by the trafficking experience and may need legal resolution.



**Employment Law—**

Trafficking victims may also have been subject to violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which requires the payment of minimum wage and overtime to covered, non-exempt workers. Trafficking victims may also have claims under state or local minimum wage laws or contract law. Victims may have been subjected to harassment or discrimination in their workplace and need assistance in filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The Department of Labor investigates workplaces for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act and may encounter potential trafficking victims during the course of an investigation, at which time it would refer the case to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

The DOL is sometimes asked by law enforcement agencies to assist in calculating restitution owed to victims.

There are many local and state employment laws that may be stronger than federal labor laws, so lawyers should consider helping trafficking survivors file and pursue civil suits that involve accommodation issues, sexual harassment and discrimination, wage and hour violations, workers' compensation, disability rights, and immigration issues.

**Public Benefits Access—**

Trafficking survivors may be eligible for a wide range of federally and locally funded public benefits, but usually need assistance to access these benefits. The services available to them may depend on their income, legal status, marital status, age, criminal record, and other factors. Public benefits offices may not be familiar with human trafficking and may not apply the appropriate criteria for assessing eligibility. Sometimes receiving monetary awards from a successfully settled civil suit or criminal restitution

case can make survivors ineligible for public benefits. Trafficking survivors should receive help from benefits attorneys to structure their money damages properly.

**CLE #1** Date: **October 14, 2023**  
Location: **Quito, Ecuador**  
Presenter: Elaine Cook  
Time: 3PM - 4PM

Mama Cucera Hotel, Rocafuerte E3-250 y, Quito 170130

1. **TRAVEL and HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Since the pandemic the entire world is beginning to experience a tourism boom all over again. Although travel hasn't yet reached pre-pandemic levels, the negative effects of the industry are becoming more apparent once again. With international and domestic travel becoming easier, cheaper, and more accessible each year, and with the rising popularity of international travel and tourism, the negative effects of environmental degradation, commodification of culture, and human trafficking are back with a vengeance. Unfortunately, one particularly heinous side of the travel industry is the connection between human trafficking and tourism.

Several factors make the tourism industry especially vulnerable to human trafficking and modern slavery. The relative anonymity provided by the frequent changeover of guests allows for trafficking victims to slip by unnoticed in hotels and airports. This is especially true of sex traffickers, who may be using hotels and motels as part of their operation. The commonplace use of subcontractors for construction workers, security guards, wait staff, and cleaning or maintenance staff creates increased vulnerability for labor trafficking within the tourism industry itself.

Include and play video RE: awareness in the industry and what Airlines are doing regarding this issue:

<https://news.delta.com/tags/human-trafficking-awareness>

The CLE will be one hour and cover the lawyer's role in recognition, assistance and resources for representing clients affected by human trafficking.

**CLE #2 Date: October 16, 2023**

Location: **San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador**

Presenter: Debra Bolus

Time: 4PM - 5PM

Galapagos Eco Hotel, Av 12 de Febrero n jaime Roldos, San Cristobal Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

## **2. IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN HUMAN**

**TRAFFICKING:** Attorneys, along with global leaders and the travel industry need to join efforts to combat and prevent human trafficking.

Counter-Trafficking experts are needed in all fields to stop trafficking, and provide an aid to the victims, of which many are immigrants without resources. An overview of the T-visa case process and how attorneys can represent these individuals will be provided.

This one hour CLE will provide education and insight to attorneys who wish to represent and support survivors, protect their rights, and advocate for changes that provide protection.

Human trafficking is the reprehensible practice of physically or psychologically compelling an individual to work or provide commercial sexual services. An estimated 21-30 million people are currently enslaved worldwide, and sadly, fewer than one percent of these individuals are identified. Attorneys have the much-needed skills, clientele, and positions to help shrink this alarming gap, by integrating identification, services, and prevention

strategies into their respective practices. Prosecutors are pursuing criminal offenses for those involved, but civil side practitioners can play an effective role and provide legal representation above and beyond what the criminal justice system can provide for individual victims.

This CLE will address the legal needs of Human Trafficking Survivors, along with immigration relief for these survivors; plus tips for Attorneys working with Human Trafficking Survivors.

**CLE #3** Date: **October 20, 2023**

Location: **Santa Cruz Is., Galapagos**

Presenter: Paula Radick

Time: 3PM - 4PM

Hotel Solymar, Av. Charles Darwin y T. de Berlanga,  
Puerto Ayora 200350

### **3. THE CRIMINAL SIDE OF HUMAN**

**TRAFFICKING:** This CLE will provide an overview of how lawyers advocating for victims by getting criminal convictions of the perpetrators can empower trafficked women, men, and children to seek justice. Lawyers working within the criminal justice system are the backbone in efforts to hold human traffickers accountable for their crimes and to raise awareness of victims' rights. By linking trafficking victims with skilled attorneys in an effort to obtain criminal convictions, criminal restitution, and civil judgments against traffickers, trafficking survivors can rebuild their lives.

Discussion will include the recent history of this topic to include that in 2003, Washington became the first state to criminalize human trafficking. Since then, every state has enacted laws establishing criminal penalties for traffickers seeking to profit from forced labor or sexual servitude. The laws vary in several ways including who is defined as a

“trafficker,” the statutory elements required to prove guilt in order to obtain a conviction and the seriousness of the criminal and financial penalties those convicted will face.

In order to obtain a trafficking conviction, state laws, in most instances, require that prosecutors prove traffickers compelled their victims into labor or sexual servitude. The majority of laws include the elements force, fraud and coercion, but their definition can vary greatly from state to state. For example, in some states, their definition focuses primarily on the use of physical force. Other states more broadly include psychological control, financial threats, legal harassment and drug addiction. In addition, some states have enacted measures that specifically address penalties that apply to a business entity if it has committed, or has been used in committing, a human trafficking crime. Laws also create procedures for the dissolution of the business entity, as well as, establish additional fines.

This CLE will also discuss affirmative defense for victims. The majority of states enable trafficked victims to assert an affirmative defense to criminal charges they face as a result of actions they were forced to commit by their traffickers. An affirmative defense is evidence that, if found credible, negates criminal liability even if it is proved the defendant committed the acts at issue. Statutes differ in the crimes for which an affirmative defense can be raised, but many cover prostitution, loitering and solicitation. Thirty-one (31) states provide affirmative defense for trafficking survivors, including Pennsylvania.

This one-hour CLE will focus mainly on the criminal law aspects of this topic.

**CLE #4** Date: **October 23, 2023**

Location: **Isabel Island, Galapagos**

4. **GOVERNMENT and LEGISLATION:** This one - hour CLE will explore what is happening at the legislative level to combat human trafficking. In 2000, Congress signed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act into law, representing the beginning of a large-scale, coordinated effort by the United States government to fight human trafficking. Unfortunately, human trafficking remains prevalent, worsened by the ease of travel and transportation.

The need to combat this problem continues, and on March 3, 2022, 3 members of the House introduced a bill, referred to as the “No Travel for Traffickers Act of 2022”; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

This bill bars from the visa waiver program any country that allows individuals to obtain citizenship by making an investment in that country.

Overview of this bill:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “No Travel for Traffickers Act of 2022”.

**SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end the following:

“(H) NOT A DISQUALIFIED COUNTRY.—The country is not a country disqualified from designation under subsection (j).”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) Disqualified Countries.—A country shall be ineligible for designation under subsection (c) as a program country if the country has in effect any program permitting an individual who is not a national of that country to be provided with citizenship, on condition that the individual make an investment in that country.”

### SEC. 3. LIST OF FOREIGN STATES WITH CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS.

No later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees an unclassified list of countries ineligible for designation as program countries under section 217(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

### SEC. 4. COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN UNION AND UNITED KINGDOM.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall engage with partners in the European Union, the United Kingdom, and other relevant partners to eliminate Schengen area visa-free travel access for foreign states that are ineligible for designation as program countries under section 217(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

### SEC. 5. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN VETTING.

No amounts made available in appropriations Acts may be used for the purpose of vetting applicants for a program described in section 217(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act on behalf of, or at the request of, a foreign state, or to otherwise assist a foreign state with the operation of such a program.

The presenter will discuss this bill, and other governmental areas that strive to prevent human trafficking and punish those that perpetrate it, to include the four executive agencies of the U.S. government, along with state and local law enforcement organizations, which work together as well as with nonprofit organizations to combat human trafficking.

The primary U.S. executive agencies include:

- Department of Homeland Security, of which U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are component agencies
- State Department
- Department of Justice
- Department of Health and Human Services

Outline by Elaine Cook

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**Registration Details for  
the Trip for October will  
be published soon!**

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# Guardianship Tracking System Online Workshops: Spring 2023

## > Overview

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

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

## > Workshop Topics

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

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

## > Online Workshop Schedule


April 11	8am	Both registration and the workshop are completed through WebEx. Attending a session requires a computer or laptop with an internet connection.
April 26	2pm	
May 8	10am	
May 24	9am	
June 8	5pm	
June 23	1pm	

Registration instructions appear on the next page.

## GTS Workshop Registration Instructions

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

Registration can be completed using the following steps:

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

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

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



**AOPC**  
Administrative Office of  
the Pennsylvania Courts

Mar. 10—Apr. 7



**DIGITAL PIX**  
COMPOSITES

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## **2023 W-BLLA BAR COMPOSITE**

To: W-BLLA Members  
From: Joseph P.J. Burke III, Secretary

The Bar Association has scheduled more dates with DPC for Members to schedule to have their photos taken in the **Presidents' Room at the Law Library** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**PRESIDENTS' ROOM**  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2023,**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2023,**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023,**  
**Friday, May 5, 2023.**

The company could not cover the day of our April Quarterly Meeting, but DPC is going to send a photographer to take photos of Members at our October Quarterly Meeting at the Westmoreland Club. So, if you are planning to come to the October Quarterly Meeting schedule to have your photo taken then. This date and times available are as follow:

**WESTMORELAND CLUB**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

DPC will also be taking photos at the 2023 Bench Bar Conference at Mohegan Sun Pennsylvania. The date and times for this are as follow:

**BENCH BAR CONFERNCE**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Times for the photo shoots are scheduled directly by DPC. The photo session and photos taken for the 2023 Bar Composite are **FREE**. Several poses will be taken, you review the photos at the session and select the photo that you want to use.

To schedule your photo, please go to the following website page:

<https://planner.dpcpix.com/external/signup?token=097c4b43-55a9-4608-9a4d-7a0ab914ff5c>

If you have not had your photo scheduled to be taken and none of these 6 dates work with your schedule, please let Joe Burke know by e-mailing him at **Joseph.Burke@luzernecounty.org** and he will talk to Jerry Mecadon and DPC.

Feb. 24—Apr. 7



## **OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**Job Description:** Assistant Public Defender  
**Employment Status:** Teamsters, Full-Time  
**Reports to:** Chief Public Defender\First  
Asst. Public Defender.

**Summary:** An Assistant Public Defender (APD) provides every aspect of legal representation to persons charged with a state crime or delinquent act and who, because of indigence, cannot obtain counsel to represent them.

Duties of an APD include trials and court hearings, appeals in state court and Federal/State Habeas proceedings, post-conviction, witness representation and representation in other matters where representation is constitutionally required.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Applications will be accepted from 3L students, including those that will be sitting for the February or July bar exam. Those that are eligible to become Certified Legal Interns are strongly encouraged to apply. A member of the Bar, in good standing, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In addition, experience in criminal defense work is preferred but its absence is not disqualifying. Experience may include meaningful work at a criminal defense or similar clinic while enrolled in law school.

**Annual Salary: Starting salary is \$60,500.00, with annual tier/progression increases. Luzerne County offers generous health care and pension benefits, along with PTO.** A proper work/life balance is strongly encouraged.

**Send application, resume and references to:**  
All applications must be submitted online to the county website ([www.luzernecounty.org](http://www.luzernecounty.org))  
under **Career Opportunity**.

The County of Luzerne is an EEO/ADA employer.

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The W-BLLA

*Cordially Invites You to*





The 2023  
Law Day Dinner Dance  
*A Red Gala*

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Reception: 6:00 p.m./Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

*Come join us*

to honor

*for 50 Years of Membership:*

**Hon. Thomas F. Burke, Jr.**

**Robert R. Brittain, Jr., Esq.**

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**John C. Eichorn, Esq.**

**Stephen B. Killian, Esq.**

**Basil G. Russin, Esq.**

**Peter J. Savage, Esq.**

**Joseph F. Sklarosky, Sr., Esq.**

Music will be provided by the band

**Sweet Pepper & the Long Hots.**

**Bar Photographer Andy Molitoris**

will be taking keepsake photo packages of couples,  
while fun, impromptu photos can be snapped in a  
Photo Booth that will be on hand!

The menu will consist of a raw bar, hors d'oeuvres,  
and a Surf and Turf entrée, while included with  
the top shelf full bar will be signature  
*Red cocktails!*



Don't Miss Out! Come and have Fun!  
And ....

*REMEMBER TO  
WEAR SOMETHING  
RED!*

## **LAW DAY DINNER DANCE PRICES**

### **EARLY RESERVATION PRICE FOR MEMBERS (MUST BE PAID BY APRIL 3rd)**

W-BLLA Member (and guest price):

**\$80.00** per person

W-BLLA Young Lawyer (and guest price):

**\$60.00** per person

### **LATE RESERVATION PRICE FOR MEMBERS (AFTER APRIL 3rd)**

W-BLLA Member (and guest price):

**\$140.00** per person

W-BLLA Young Lawyer (and guest price):

**\$100.00** per person.

### **PRICE OF THE EVENT FOR NON-MEMBERS TO ATTEND: \$190.00 per person.**

Go to the Bar Association Website at  
**[Luzernecountybar.com](http://Luzernecountybar.com)**  
to make your RESERVATION.

**FINAL DEADLINE: April 10, 2023.**

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**LUZERNE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
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**LAW DAY DINNER DANCE  
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# LAW DAY DINNER DANCE HONOREES

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**DONORS NAMES WILL BE LISTED IN THE DINNER  
PROGRAM BOOKLET INSERT.**

**To Be Included on the Insert Your Email Must be Received by April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Mar. 24, 31; Apr. 7



## *Red Gala*

### **MENU**

#### **Hors d'oeuvres Table:**

#### *An Antipasto Display –*

Thinly Sliced Prosciutto, Parma Ham, Artisanal Salami, Capicola, Soppressata, Aged Provolone, Asiago, Mozzarella, Grissini Bread Sticks and Tuscan Crisps.

#### *Artisanal Bread Display* with

Strawberry-Balsamic Compote and Olive Tapenade. Herb-Infused Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Aged Balsamic Vinegar, Greek Olive Blend, Fire-Roasted Red Peppers, Marinated Artichoke Hearts.

#### *Jumbo Shrimp Iced Presentation*

Served with Cocktail Sauce and Lemon Lace.

#### *Custom Hors d'oeuvres Passed:*

- Brown Sugar-Pepper Bacon Crisps.
- Mini Caprese Spheres, with Grape Tomato, Mozzarella and Basil.
- Mini Kobe Burgers Miniature Kobe Bleu Cheese and Caramelized Onion Burgers with Tomato and Bourbon Ketchup.
- Coconut Chicken with Orange-Horseradish Sauce.
- Grilled Vegetable Bruschetta.
- Old Forge Pizza – *A Wyoming Valley Classic!*

*First Course:*

**PRE-SET: *Salad*** – Gathered Greens Salad with Toasted Pine Nuts, English Dried Cranberry Cheese & Sherry Vinaigrette.

***Warm House Breads -***

Ciabatta Bread and Butter.

*Entrée Course:*

***Custom Surf & Turf -***

Herb Roasted Tenderloin of Beef and Colossal Shrimp topped with Roasted Garlic Demi-Glace, Mashed Potatoes, Batonnet Vegetables - Carrots, Green Beans, Asparagus, Beurre Fondue.

***Vegetarian Entrée -***

Potato Gnocchi Pecorino, Grilled Garlic Scapes, Broccolini, Blistered Tomato, Basil Olive Oil.

*Grande Buffet de Desserts*

***Grande Dessert Display-***

Petite Berry Cheesecakes, Raspberry Macarons, Red Velvet Petite Fours, Strawberry Cheesecake Mousse Verrines, White Red Chocolate Dipped Shortbread, Red Glazed Eclairs, Pomegranate Tartlets.

House New Vienna Coffee & Mighty Leaf Teas - Served.

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## **SAVE THE DATE:**

The W-BLLA's  
*175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner* will be held at  
Skytop Lodge in the Poconos on  
**Saturday, May 31, 2025.**

A block of rooms will be available for Friday night, **May 30<sup>th</sup>**, so Members may stay over and not have to drive the day of the dinner and for Saturday night, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, so Members do not have to drive home after the dinner that night. The Association is working on an activity package for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Details will be published as the planning for the dinner evolves.

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## NOTICE TO FAMILY COURT BAR

**Effective May 2, 2023**, a Divorce Decree or Annulment of Marriage *must* include a provision regarding the beneficiary status on an existing life insurance policy, annuity, pension, profit-sharing plan or other contractual arrangement. **Title 23 Pa. C.S.A. Section 3323(b.1)** titled *Existing Beneficiary Designations* addresses the required provision to be included in the Divorce Decree. **Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1920.76 Form of Divorce Decree** reflects how the provision for the beneficiaries should be referenced in the Divorce Decree.

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## **2023 Pennsylvania Pain and Addiction Summit**

**Friday, April 28, 2023**

Registration/Breakfast: 7:00 A.M.

Summit: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

**CLE Program Segments Are Noted on the Agenda**

Lunch Does **NOT** Provide CLE Credit.

**Live at the  
Wilkes University Stark Learning Center  
in Wilkes-Barre, PA**

### **Registration is thru Wilkes University at the following:**

<https://www.wilkes.edu/signature-events/pain-and-addiction-summit/index.aspx#:~:text=2023%20Pain%20and%20Addiction%20Summit,28%20%7C%208%20a.m.%20%2D%205%20p.m.&text=The%20Pennsylvania%20Pain%20and%20Addiction,pain%20and%20substance%20use%20disorder.>

On the Wilkes website click on the **yellow box** “**Register For The 2023 Summit**”

**Full day is \$130.00 Half Day Morning/Afternoon is \$75.00**

## AGENDA

- 7-8 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast.
- 8-9 a.m. – **Panel Discussion:**
  - Losing Our Loved Ones: The Opioid Overdose Epidemic and Undiagnosed Bipolar.
  - Panel Speakers: Amber Mansfield, RN and Sara Schley.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**
- 9-9:15 a.m. — Break.
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. – **Breakout Sessions:**
  - The Role of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Regulatory Oversight and Enforcement in Those Health Care Providers Who Have a DEA Registration - James R. Schiffer, RPh, Esq. and Carlos Aquino.
  - Community First Responder Program - Anita Jacobson, PharmD.
  - Painful Conversations: Communication Strategies in Pain Management - Corey Haupt, PharmD, RPh.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. – Break.
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. – **Breakout Sessions:**
  - The Recovery Bank: Community Peer to Peer Recovery Resource Center: How and Why It Works! - Frank Bolock, Attorney.

- The Benzodiazepine Crisis: Challenges for Behavioral Healthcare Workers - Emily Cook, Licensed Clinical Social Worker.
- Pharmacy-Based Buprenorphine Induction - Jeffrey Bratberg, PharmD, FAPhA.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Lunch and Keynote Speaker (**no CLE Credit given**):
  - Redefining Adversity to Overcome the Odds - Adam Taliaferro
  - Adam Taliaferro was given a 3% chance of ever walking again after sustaining a devastating spinal cord injury during a Penn State football game. In his exciting presentation, Taliaferro shares his dramatic personal story of overcoming the odds to inspire others to believe the impossible is achievable. Whether the topic is leadership, teamwork, or success in life or career, Taliaferro’s message of faith and perseverance motivates us all to face our daily challenges head on, and to live life with a greater purpose.
- 12:30-12:45 p.m. – Break.
- 12:45-1:45 p.m. - **Breakout Sessions:**
  - Pain Management in Patients with Substance Use Disorders - Janet Astle, BS Pharm, Ed.D.; Jane Cavanaugh, B.A., Ph.D; Bridget Calhoun, B.S. Phys. Assist, MMS, DrPH; Allison Morgan, B.S., Masters Phys. Assist.

- Cannabis Use Disorder - Steven Suastegui, Internal Medicine Resident.
- Sublocade, the injectable form of buprenorphine - Donna Eget, DO.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**

- 1:45-2 p.m. - Break
- 2-3 p.m. - **Breakout Sessions:**
  - The Face of Addiction: Let's listen to the patient - Gary Stoner, OB/GYN.
  - The Evolution of Pain Management- Novel Medications - Dominick Trombetta, Pharm.D, & Michael Palladini, RPh, MBA.
  - Eliminating Racial Bias in Pain Treatment - Belinda Sibanda, Internal Medicine Resident Physician PGY3, MD, MS, MEd.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**

- 3-4 p.m. – The Balance Between Pain and Addiction in Professional Athletes - Kevin Hill, MD, Director of the Division of Addiction Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, consultant to the National Football League (NFL), the National Basketball Association, and the Boston Red Sox.
- Athletes are asked to push their physical limits regularly. This is especially true for professional athletes, whose livelihoods depend upon performance. Professional athletes often deal with pain on a regular basis and they are at risk for developing addictions to prescribed or illicit substances. This talk will look at the



intersection of pain and addiction in athletes and explore issues that must be considered by athletes and the clinicians who treat them.

**Provides 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit.**

- 4-5 p.m. – Poster Presentations and Social (**no CLE Credit given**)

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**For any questions on the Summit, please contact:  
Wilkes University at (570) 408-5615.**

**Payment for the Program is payable to  
Wilkes University.**

Medical physicians, pharmacists, and healthcare  
administrators will also be attending the Summit.

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**BAR NEWS CALENDAR—2023**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FORMAT</b>
4/14/23	Law Day Dinner Dance— <i>See Dinner Invitation, Menu ad, and Foundation Color Insert for Details</i>	6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	WMC
4/21/23	Consumer Protection Law and Litigation Atty. Andrew M. Milz <i>(1 substantive credit)</i>	Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Zoom and Live in Pres. Room at Law Library
4/27/23	April Quarterly Meeting	11:30 a.m. - Noon	WMC
4/27/23	PA Supreme Court Justice P. Kevin Brobson CLE <i>(1 substantive credit)</i>	Noon - 1:00 p.m.	WMC
5/6/23	Law Day Shabbat— Chief Justice Debra Todd, Principal Speaker	9:30 a.m.	Temple Israel
5/20/23	A Law Revue: An Evening of Talent with Harmless Error	8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre
7/8/23	Wills for Heroes CLE <i>(1 substantive credit)</i>	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	LCCC
7/8/23	Wills for Heroes	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	LCCC
7/21/23	Summer Outing (Starting with Brunch)	10:00 a.m.	Fox Hill CC
10/2/23	Red Mass Followed by a luncheon at King's	Noon	King's Chapel
10/19/23	October Quarterly Meeting	Noon	WC
11/9/23	Bench Bar Conference	10:30 a.m.	Pocono Sun
12/7/23	Federal Ct. Attorney Admissions	9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.	Max Rosenn Cthse.
	Atty. Admissions W-BLLA— Followed by a Law Library Reception	10:30 a.m.	Luzerne Co. Cthse.
1/18/24	Annual Meeting	Noon	WMC

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The **Luzerne County Office of Law** is seeking attorneys with family law experience to provide guardian ad litem legal services for minors involved with Children and Youth matters. Interested attorneys should e-mail Harry W. Skene, Esq. at [Harry.Skene@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Harry.Skene@luzernecounty.org).

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Presented by  
**Andrew M. Milz, Esquire**

**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
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**On Zoom and Live in the Presidents’ Room  
at the Law Library.**

**The W-BLLA (#53) is an accredited CLE and  
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**All payments must be received 48 hours in advance of the program.**

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***Gail.Kopiak@luzernecountybar.org***

***ABOUT THE PRESENTER:***

**Andrew M. Milz, Esquire**



Andy Milz is a trial lawyer at Flitter Milz, PC with offices in suburban Philadelphia and Scranton ([www.consumerslaw.com](http://www.consumerslaw.com)).

He represents victims of consumer finance fraud, debt collection harassment, inaccurate credit reporting, wrongful repossessions, and civil rights abuses in individual and class action matters. He has successfully tried consumer protection cases in federal and state court, obtaining actual and punitive damage jury verdicts for consumers. He is a contributing author to Carter, et al., *PENNSYLVANIA CONSUMER LAW* (Bisel Pub. Co., Supp. 2022), has lectured nationally on consumer law subjects, and is an active member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates (“NACA”).

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Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that accountants in the following estates have filed their accounts in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Luzerne County and unless objections are filed thereto, said accounts will be audited and confirmed by the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County at 9:30 A.M. on May 2, 2023 at Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

NO.	NAME OF ESTATE	ACCOUNTANT	FIDUCIARY CAPACITY
1.	Marjorie Trethaway	Janice Horn	Executrix
2.	Hilma Nordstrom	Virginia Crossin	Executrix
3.	Mary Ann Antosh	Genevieve M. Antosh	Executrix
4.	Alice Solinsky	William J. Watt, III	Administrator

The Luzerne County Orphans' Court, located at Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA is a facility accessible to persons with disabilities. Please notify a member of the staff of the Honorable Tarah C. Toohil, Judge at (570) 830-5122 if special accommodations are required.

#### NOTICE

It is strongly recommended that all attorneys having a matter on an Audit List of the Orphans' Court be present at the call of the Audit List. Any attorney seeking to be excused from attending the call of the Audit List must contact the staff in Judge Toohil's Chambers in advance of the call date in order to obtain permission from the Judge to be absent.

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### DECEDENTS' ESTATES

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary or of administration have been granted in the following estates. All persons indebted to said estates are required to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the administrators or executors named or their attorneys

### FIRST PUBLICATION

ESTATE OF FLORENCE C. BIGOS, Late of Nanticoke City (died January 6, 2023), Edward Bigos, Jr., Executor; Stephen J. Bachman, Esquire, 26 Pierce Street, Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF GILLES DUBOIS a/k/a Gilles P. Dubois a/k/a Gus Dubois, late of Swoyersville (died February 27, 2023), Sherry Ann Pitcavage, Executrix; Thomas A. O'Connor, Esquire, Law Office of Thomas A. O'Connor, P.C., 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF EDWARD S. EVELOCK, late of Swoyersville (died August 6, 2022), Jane M. Evelock, Executrix; Frank J. Aritz, Esquire, 23 West Walnut St., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN FERGUSON a/k/a Carol Ferguson, late of Pittston City (died January 17, 2023), Robert K. Fellows, Executor; Girard J. Mecadon, Esquire, 363 Laurel St., Pittston, PA 18640-1719

ESTATE OF LARRY J. GOSS, late of Shickshinny (died January 16, 2023), Tracey Sherrick, Executrix; Stephen A. Menn, Esquire, 37 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

ESTATE OF DOROTHY GRIBB a/k/a Dorothy L. Gribb, late of Hanover Twp. (died March 3, 2023), James

Gribb, Executor; Richard C. Ship-toski, Esquire, P.O. Box 155, Shickshinny, PA 18655

ESTATE OF ARTHUR JAMES KASCHENBACH, late of West Hazleton (died January 3, 2023), Peter J. O'Rourke, Executor; Christina Fleury, Esquire, 517 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848

ESTATE OF MARILYN A. KLICK a/k/a Marilyn Ann Klick, late of Dallas Twp. (died February 18, 2023), Richard H. Klick, III, Executor; Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP, 1065 Hwy. 315, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

ESTATE OF CAROL KOPCZYNSKIE, late of Freeland (died January 25, 2019), Lori Barna, Administratrix; Law Office of Gregory M. Lane, 2617 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE LATOSZEWSKI a/k/a Josephine L. Latoszewski, late of Larksville (died January 14, 2023), Christine Herron, Executrix; Thomas J. Mosca, Esquire, 900 Rutter Ave., Suite 24, Forty Fort, PA 18704

ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. LEFFLER a/k/a Dorothea Mae Leffler a/k/a Dorothea Leffler, late of Buck Twp. (died February 13, 2023), Cheryl Leffler Kerrick, Executrix; Francis J. Hoegen, Esquire, 152 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

ESTATE OF ELEANOR MACEIKO, late of Wilkes-Barre (died February 14, 2023), Sandy Feisel, Executrix; Law Offices of Bernard Walter, 1674 Memorial Hwy., Shavertown, PA 18708

ESTATE OF SYLVIA A. MATTEY, late of Swoyersville (died April 25, 2022), Charles A.J. Halpin, III,

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Esquire, The Land Title Bldg., 100 S. Broad St., #1830, Philadelphia, PA 19110, Administrator

ESTATE OF MARGIE E. MILLER a/k/a Margie Miller, late of Forty Fort (died March 6, 2023), Benjamin Kovalski, Executor; Frank J. Aritz, Esquire, 23 West Walnut St., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF EDWARD WILLIAM PILWALLIS a/k/a Edward W. Pilwallis, late of Wilkes-Barre (died March 7, 2023), Elaine Slabinski, Executrix; Michael J. Bendick, Esquire, P.O. Box 1733, Shavertown, PA 18708

ESTATE OF MARION ROBINSON, late of Dallas (died January 24, 2023), Bonnie Spencer and Shanna Smith, Administratrices; Hiscox & Musto, 400 Third Ave., Suite 201, Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF JEANNE RYBARCZYK a/k/a Jeanne M. Rybarczyk, late of Conyngham (died February 5, 2023), Susan Petrone, Executrix; Joseph D. Ustynoski, Esquire, Ustynoski & Marusak, LLC, 101 West Broad St., Suite 205, Hazleton, PA 18201

ESTATE OF JOHN CARL SHEMO a/k/a John C. Shemo, late of Kingston (died December 1, 2022), Tracey Shemo, Administratrix; Donald P. Roberts, Esquire, Burke Vullo Reilly Roberts, 1460 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA 18704

ESTATE OF CLARA SHERRICK a/k/a Clara M. Sherrick, late of Nanticoke (died February 8, 2023), Carol Warren, Executrix; Patrick J. Aregood, Esquire, 1218 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

ESTATE OF ZANE L. WELCH a/k/a Zane Welch, late of Huntington Township (died January 10,

2023), Marjorie M. Cotterman, Executrix; Robert A. Bull, Esquire, Law Offices of Bull & Bull, LLP, 106 Market Street, Berwick, PA 18603

ESTATE OF JOSEPH J. WELKEY, late of Edwardsville (died January 17, 2023), Lynne Welkey, Executrix; David J. Harris, Esquire, 67-69 Public Sq., Suite 700, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

ESTATE OF DAVID SEWARD WILLIAMS, late of Huntington Twp. (died October 11, 2020), Michael Seward, Executor; Michael W. Showers, Esquire, 48 Walnut St., Milton, PA 17847

**SECOND PUBLICATION**

ESTATE OF THERESA A. ALEXANDER a/k/a Theresa Alexander, late of Exeter (died December 25, 2022), Michael Poceschi, Executor; Stephen B. Killian, Esquire, 575 Pierce Street, Suite 303, Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS M. BALBERCHAK, late of Exeter (died February 9, 2023), Mary C. Balberchak, Executrix; Patrick J. Aregood, Esquire, 1218 South Main St., Hanover Twp., PA 18706

ESTATE OF SAMUEL J. BISULCA, late of Bear Creek (died January 27, 2023), Pamela Kohler, Executrix; Julie Gage, Esquire, 615 Clay Ave., Third Fl., Scranton, PA 18510

ESTATE OF JAMES J. BLEWITT a/k/a James Justin Blewitt a/k/a James Blewitt, late of Kingston (died January 13, 2023), Joan Blewitt, Administratrix; Charles A. DeCosmo, Esquire, Skokoski & DeCosmo, P.C., 165 Susquehanna Boulevard, West Hazleton, PA 18202

ESTATE OF JOHN S. BOLINSKI, late of Hughestown (died February 27,

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2023), Cathy Bolinski, Executrix; Joseph A. Dessoye, Esquire, 9 N. Main Street, Suite 6, Pittston, PA 18640

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ESTATE OF MICHAEL DELUCIA a/k/a Michael Delucia, Sr., late of Pittston (died December 13, 2008), Georgianne M. Nagle, Administratrix; Michael J. Kizis, Esquire, 61 N. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

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ESTATE OF VIRGINIA FIORETTA, late of Beaver Meadows (died October 15, 2022), Judith Ann Laychack, Executrix; Donald G. Karpowich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Road, Drums, PA 18222

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ESTATE OF MIRIAM HARRY HEVERLINE a/k/a Miriam Heverline, late of Butler Township (died December 3, 2022), Dorothy Heverline, Executrix; Stacey Aciri, Esquire, 273 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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ESTATE OF ELEANOR JENKINS a/k/a Eleanor O. Jenkins, late of Nanticoke (died February 24, 2023), Ann M. Jenkins, Executrix; Stephen J. Fendler, Esquire, Comitiz Law Firm, LLC, 46 Public Square, Suite 101, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

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ESTATE OF LEANNE R. LaSOTA, late of Freeland (died December 29, 2022), Jennifer LaSota-Natt, Executrix; Donald G. Karpowich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Road, Drums, PA 18222

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ESTATE OF MARY L. LUKASAVAGE a/k/a Mary Lukasavage, late of Luzerne Borough (died February 9, 2023), Agnes B. Cragle, Executrix; Frank J. Aritz, Esquire, 23 West Walnut Street, Kingston, PA 18704

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ESTATE OF ANGELO PAUL MANTIONE a/k/a Angelo P. Mantione a/k/a Angelo Mantione, late of

Pittston Township (died February 16, 2023), Joseph V. Mantione, Executor; Girard J. Mecadon, Esquire, 363 Laurel Street, Pittston, PA 18640-1719

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ESTATE OF MARIA MARGARITA TAPIA SOSA MARROQUIN, late of Wilkes-Barre (died June 1, 2021), Jessica Casteneda, Administratrix; C. Stephen Gurdin, Jr., Esquire, 67-69 Public Sq., Suite 501, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2506

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ESTATE OF JANIE A. MORGAN a/k/a Janie Ayscue Morgan a/k/a Janie Morgan, late of Kingston (died July 10, 2022), Janie M. Griffiths, Executrix; Christopher J. Crawford, Esquire, 575 Pierce Street, Suite 303, Kingston, PA 18704

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ESTATE OF JULIEEANN OKRASINSKI, late of Freeland (died February 10, 2023), Joseph Okrasinski, Administrator; Donald G. Karpowich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Road, Drums, PA 18222

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ESTATE OF WINIFRED M. PAULSON a/k/a Winifred Maureen Paulson, late of Hanover Township (died December 24, 2022), Mary Linda Paulson, Executrix; Michael J. Bendick, Esquire, P.O. Box 1733, Shavertown, PA 18708

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ESTATE OF LORRAINE SITNICK, late of Dupont (died February 10, 2023), John Sitnick, Executor; Saporito, Falcone & Watt, 48 South Main St., Pittston, PA 18640

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ESTATE OF IRENE SORBELLI, late of Jenkins Township (died February 13, 2023), Vincent Sorbelli, Executor; Frank J. Skokoski, Esquire, Skokoski & DeCosmo, P.C., 165 Susquehanna Boulevard, West Hazleton, PA 18202

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ESTATE OF FLORENCE M. SUBSAK, late of Hanover Twp. (died September 4, 2020), Anne M. Rinkev-

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ich, Executrix; Patrick J. Aregood, Esquire, 1218 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

ESTATE OF TERRENCE N. TIHANSKY, late of Hazleton (died January 29, 2023), Joanne A. Tihansky, Executrix; Donald G. Karpowich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Road, Drums, PA 18222

ESTATE OF PAULA M. TRIANO, late of Hazleton (died January 21, 2023), Maria Rae Triano, Executrix; Donald G. Karpowich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Road, Drums, PA 18222

ESTATE OF DANIEL VOITEK a/k/a Daniel P. Voitek, late of Luzerne Borough (died February 11, 2023), Agnes B. Cragle, Executrix; Frank J. Aritz, Esquire, 23 West Walnut Street, Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF JOHN WASSIL a/k/a John M. Wassil, late of Wilkes-Barre (died January 2, 2022), Jacqueline Keiser, Executrix; Kevin M. Walsh, Esquire, 297-299 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704

### THIRD PUBLICATION

ESTATE OF MICHELE A. BELCASTRO a/k/a Michele Belcastro, late of Wyoming (died February 15, 2023), James K. Belcastro, Administrator; Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, PC, 600 Third Ave., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF MAUREEN R. GABOS a/k/a Maureen G. Kuczynski a/k/a Maureen Regina Gabos, late of Hazleton (died February 11, 2023), Christopher Kuczynski, Executor; Peter O'Donnell, Esquire, 305 South Church St., Suite 175, Hazleton, PA 18201

ESTATE OF CECILIA MARIE GEISINGER, late of Luzerne (died Feb-

ruary 5, 2023), Cara Watson, Executrix; Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, PC, 600 Third Ave., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN JOHNS, late of Nanticoke (died February 8, 2023), David B. Johns, 226 S. Market St., Nanticoke, PA 18634, Executor

ESTATE OF PATRICIA KAPES a/k/a Patricia A. Kapes a/k/a Patricia Ann Kapes, late of West Hazleton (died January 23, 2023), Joseph Cramond, Executor; Charles A. DeCosmo, Esquire, Skokoski & DeCosmo, P.C., 165 Susquehanna Blvd., West Hazleton, PA 18202

ESTATE OF ANNE E. LANGAN a/k/a Anne Elizabeth Langan, late of Wilkes-Barre (died January 30, 2023), Tom Tarrant and Cynthia Anna Tarrant, Co-Executors; Patrick J. Aregood, Esquire, 1218 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

ESTATE OF DOMINICK F. MAINOLFI, JR. a/k/a Dominick Mainolfi, Jr., late of Wilkes-Barre (died February 7, 2023), Debra Goldowski, Executrix; Kevin R. Grebas, Esquire, Colbert & Grebas, PC, 210 Montage Mountain Road, Suite A, Moosic, PA 18507

ESTATE OF ATTIO P. MENICHINI, late of Pittston Twp. (died September 29, 2022), Thomas Menichini, Administrator; Biagio V. Musto, II, Esquire, 171 William St., Pittston, PA 18640

ESTATE OF JEAN MONKA a/k/a Jean C. Monka, late of Lehman Twp. (died February 26, 2023), Celia Ann Brace, Executrix; Michael J. Bendick, Esquire, P.O. Box 1733, Shavertown, PA 18708

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ESTATE OF MARY C. NICCOLI, late of Swoyersville (died August 5, 2018), Delphine Ciehoski, Executrix; Alexander B. Russin, Esquire, 1516 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA 18704

ESTATE OF THELMA E. PERCH, late of White Haven (died January 22, 2023), Jerome D. Perch, Executor; Stacey Acri, Esquire, 273 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

ESTATE OF DOLORES A. REESE a/k/a Dolores Reese, late of West Hazleton (died February 16, 2023), Joseph F. Reese, Executor; Charles A. DeCosmo, Esquire, Skokoski & DeCosmo, P.C., 165 Susquehanna Blvd., West Hazleton, PA 18202

ESTATE OF ROBERT E. SHORTZ, JR. a/k/a Robert Edwin Shortz, Jr., late of Wilkes-Barre (died February 6, 2023), Frederick M. Shortz, Executor; Elliot B. Edley, Esquire, 37 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

ESTATE OF THOMAS D. SUNDRA a/k/a Thomas David Sundra, late of West Hazleton (died February 22, 2023), Rudolph S. Fellin, Executor; Edward P. McNelis, Esquire, 19 East Broad St., Hazleton, PA 18201

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JURY TRIAL DEMANDED  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION—LAW

NO.: 2022-09393

STACEY NOVAK  
1014 Center Street  
Nanticoke, PA 18634  
PLAINTIFF

v.

YESENIA VASQUEZ BAUTISTA  
264 Hancock Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
DEFENDANT

NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claim set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money, or property or other rights important to you.

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TION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation were filed with and approved by the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on March 3, 2023, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended, for:

ROZON EXPRESS  
TRANSPORT, INC.

Richard J. Marusak, Esquire  
Ustynoski and Marusak,  
LLC

101 West Broad Street  
Suite 205  
Hazleton, PA 18201

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NOTICE OF  
VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by Baja, Inc., a Pennsylvania for-profit corporation located in the City of Hazleton, that said corporation is being dissolved and is now engaged in winding up proceedings so that its corporate existence shall be ended pursuant to Section 1975(b) of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

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PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 20, 2023, the Petition of Name Change, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 03188 of 2023, praying for a Decree to Change his/her name to Luna Rae Carroll.

The Court has fixed May 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., Brominski Building, 3rd Floor, 113 West North Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested may appear and show cause why the prayer of said Petitioner should not be granted.

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NOTICE TO CONDEMNEE

IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA IN THE COURT  
OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
LUZERNE COUNTY

No. 2023-02831

EMINENT DOMAIN—IN REM

IN RE: CONDEMNATION BY  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Declaration of taking filed on:  
March 10, 2023.

Condemnee: Barbara J. Walling.

Condemnor: Redevelopment Auth. of the City of Pittston ("RA"), 35 Broad St., Pittston, PA 18640.

Condemnation authorized by: 35 P.S. §1712.1(a) and RA Resolution #1-2022.

Purpose of taking: Remediate blight.

Property condemned: 17 Charles Street, Pittston, PA 18640—72-E11NE3-025-051-000.

Title acquired: Fee simple absolute.

A plan showing the condemned Property may be inspected at the Luzerne County GIS/Mapping Department located at 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA

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18711. Just compensation for the appropriation of the Property described herein has been made and secured by an open-end bond pursuant to §1713 of the Urban Redevelopment Law and §303 of the Eminent Domain Code. If you wish to challenge the power or right of RA to appropriate the condemned Property, the sufficiency of the security, the procedure followed by the RA, or the declaration of taking, you are required to file preliminary objections within thirty (30) days after being served with this notice.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO Pa. R.C.P. NO. 3129

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION—LAW

No. 2022-04199

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

Plaintiff

vs.

John N. Leshko, Jr., possible heir of John N. Leshko, Sr., deceased et al.

Defendants

TO: All unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all persons, firms, or associations claiming right, title or interest from or under John N. Leshko, Sr., deceased

The real estate owned by John N. Leshko, Sr. at 543 Kytte Pike, Sweet Valley, PA 18656, upon which a residential dwelling is

erected, is scheduled to be sold at Sheriff’s Sale on June 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m, at the Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 to enforce the court judgment of \$67,175.32 obtained by Plaintiff against you. A complete copy of the Notice of Sheriff’s Sale will be sent to you upon request to Plaintiff’s counsel, Sarah A. Elia, Esq., Weber Gallagher, 2000 Market Street, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, ph. (267) 295-3364. A schedule of distribution of the money bid for the real estate be filed by the Sheriff approximately 30 days after the date of the Sheriff’s Sale. This schedule will state who will be receiving that money. The money will be paid out in accordance with this schedule unless exceptions are filed with the Sheriff within 10 days. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE LISTED BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

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The Court has fixed May 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., Brominski Building, 3rd Floor, 113 West North Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested may appear and show cause why the prayer of said Petitioner should not be granted.

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PETITION FOR  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 23, 2023, the Petition of Hayley Grace Mellas, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 03367 of 2023, praying for a Decree to Change her name to Hayley Grace Monteleone.

The Court has fixed Monday, June 12, 2023, at 1:00 P.M., Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18711, as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested may appear and show cause why the prayer of the said Petitioner should not be granted.

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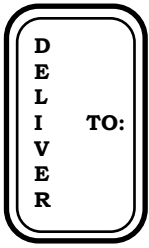
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