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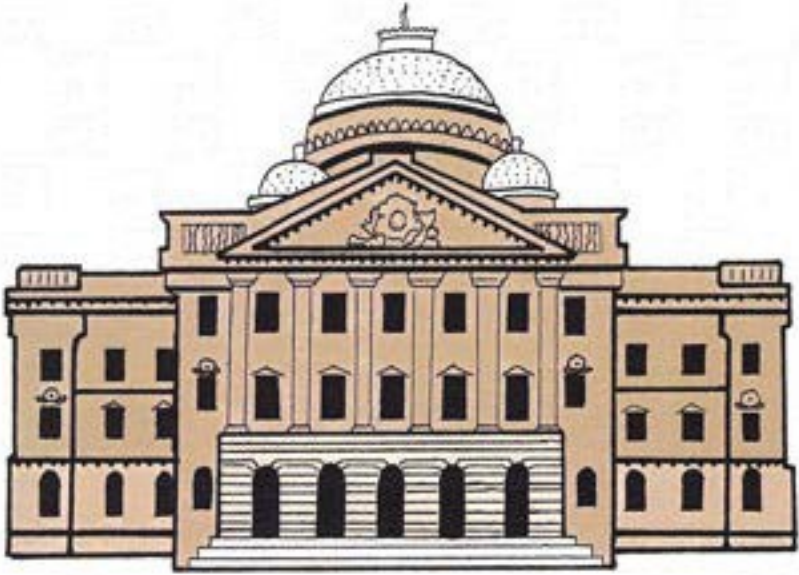
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COURTHOUSE CLOSED

A Reminder to W-BLLA Members:

the Luzerne County

Courthouse will be

CLOSED on

Monday, October 9th

in Celebration of

Columbus Day/

Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Sept. 22, 29



October Quarterly Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Location: The Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Cost: \$15.00 for Lunch.

Time:

11:30 a.m. – Noon:

Lunch and Bar Association Meeting

Lunch:

Pre-Set Salad: Toasted Walnuts, Feta, Red Grapes, Cracked Pistachios, Honey-Lemon Vinaigrette.

Entrée:

Sautéed Chicken Medallions Francaise, Carrots, Green Beans, Asparagus, Beurre Fondue.

Noon: Principal Speaker

(to be announced.)

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Go to Bar Website:

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**or Respond to the Link on the
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DIGITAL PIX
COMPOSITES

Also, if you have not had your photo taken for the
2023 W-BLLA Bar Composite,
DPC will be at the Westmoreland Club
in the Founder's Room

on **Thursday, October 19th** from
10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

To schedule to have your photo taken for the Bar Composite
(which is **FREE**),

see the **Constant Contact**
that Gail will be sending out
for this date. Use the link on it to
register for a time.

Several other dates will also be listed. These will be the final dates
to get your photo taken by DPC before the end of the year, when
they will finalize the 2023 W-BLLA Bar Composite for us.

Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13



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 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, 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) under

Career Opportunity

The County of Luzerne is an EEO/ADA employer.

Sept. 15—Oct. 27



THANK YOU

To everyone who has volunteered to make a basket for the **Talent Show Basket Raffle**.

Please deliver the baskets by **November 1st** to either Cathy O'Donnell's office or to the W-BLLA Law Library.

Tickets for the Basket Raffle will be sold at this year's Bench Bar Conference. **A REMINDER TO W-BLLA MEMBERS:** Please bring cash with you to this year's Bench Bar Conference so that you may participate. The baskets will be on display on long tables set up in front of the raised stage in the main ballroom.

Basket Raffle Tickets may be bought up through the Intermission at the Talent Show. At the end of it, the winners will be announced. ***You do not have to be present in order to win!***

Admission Tickets!

Talent Show tickets will be on sale soon! Like the Basket Raffle, Talent Show tickets will be made available for purchase at the Bench Bar Conference.



Tickets to the Talent Show are for General Admission. Proceeds from the sale of Admission tickets and Basket Raffle tickets will be equally divided between the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre and the Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation, Inc. The cost of Admission Tickets is **\$10.00 per person**. **Remember Veterans** are for **Free!**

Talent Show

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Time: **6:00 P.M. – Doors Open.**
7:00 P.M. – Curtain.

PARKING FOR THE SHOW:

The Little Theatre has **three parking lots** to be used. Plus, street parking. There is parking located across the street from its front doors. There is also a smaller parking lot on the corner of West Maple Street and Franklin Street and a lot down Main Street towards East Linden Street.

A map of the parking lots in proximity to the Little Theatre (at 537 N. Main Street in Wilkes-Barre) can be found on the Little Theatre website by going to:

<https://ltwb.org/parking/>

Sept. 22—Oct. 20



**LUZERNE COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITS**

AUDIT SCHEDULE – FOR THE YEAR-2024

Accounts Filed By:	Will be Audited On:
December 22, 2023.....	February 6, 2024
January 22, 2024	March 5, 2024
February 23, 2024	April 2, 2024
March 25, 2024.....	May 7, 2024
April 26, 2024.....	June 4, 2024
May 24, 2024	July 2, 2024
June 24, 2024.....	August 6, 2024
July 22, 2024	September 3, 2024
August 23, 2024	October 1, 2024
September 27, 2024	November 5, 2024
October 25, 2024	December 3, 2024
November 22, 2024	January 7, 2025

Audits will occur on the dates listed above at 9:30 A.M. in the Orphans' Court
Division– Luzerne County Courthouse –200 North River Street – Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

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 or to participate by phone for the call of the Audit List must contact the staff in Judge Toohil or Judge Hughes' Chambers in advance of the call date in order to obtain permission from the Judge to be absent or participate by phone.

Aug. 11—Sept. 29



TO: W-BLLA Members
FROM: Joseph P.J. Burke, III, Secretary
RE: Victims of the Māui Wildfires in Hawaii

Our Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation is collecting money to help the residents of Maui, Hawaii. You probably are aware that wildfires have devastated parts of the island of Maui.





Many homes have been destroyed and many people have been killed. The **Hawaii Community Foundation** has been named by the Governor of Hawaii as the fund to help the people.



Our Foundation is raising money to make a donation to the fund. The Bar Association is asking members to please consider donating to the Foundation for this cause.

*To make a
Donation:*

Click on the link in the Constant Contact message that Gail will be sending to Members.

Aug. 25—Sept. 29



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Law Clerk to Judge Joseph F. Sklarosky, Jr.
Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas**

FILING DEADLINE: Applications and resumes are being accepted for this position, which is one of two part-time law clerks to the judge. Qualified applicants may apply by submitting a **cover letter** describing the qualifications and experience that uniquely qualifies them for the position, a **resume** and **writing sample** to **The Chambers of Judge Joseph F. Sklarosky, Jr., 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711** or by e-mail to:

[*Rebecca.madden@luzernecounty.org*](mailto:Rebecca.madden@luzernecounty.org).

REQUIREMENTS: 1. Law degree from an accredited law school. 2. Ability to perform the essential functions of the position, which is professional legal work as a research and writing assistant to the judge. Judge Sklarosky is assigned to the Criminal Trial Division and supervises Treatment Court, DUI Treatment Court, the Veterans Court and Specialty Court programs.

Work involves providing assistance with legal research, writing and analysis. Experience is a plus, but all applicants with excellent research, analytical and writing skills will be considered.

By Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, effective September 1, 2005, law clerks are prohibited from appearing as counsel in the court itself.

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**Lawrence D. MacDonald, Esq.
Memorial Donations**

To: W-BLLA Members
From: Joseph P.J. Burke, III, Secretary
RE: Memorial Donations for Larry MacDonald

The W-BLLA Executive Committee has voted to match individual memorial donations for **Larry MacDonald** made to our Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation, Inc. up to \$1,000.00.

Once collected and matched by the W-BLLA, our Charitable Foundation will donate the money in honor of Larry to the **Allied Services Hospice**.

To make a donation, please click on the link in the Constant Contact that Gail will be sending out or go on the Bar's website page at Luzernecountybar.com.

Sept. 22—Nov. 3

Guardianship Tracking System Online workshops: Fall 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

October 10	8am
October 25	2pm
November 6	10am
November 21	5pm
December 8	9am
December 21	1pm


Both registration and the workshop are completed through WebEx. Attending a session requires a computer or laptop with an internet connection.

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



TO: W-BLLA Young Lawyers

FROM: Joseph Burke, III, Secretary

The W-BLLA and W-BLLA YLD
Are Proud to Present



**“Breakfast With Bill—
a Primer for Young Lawyers.”**

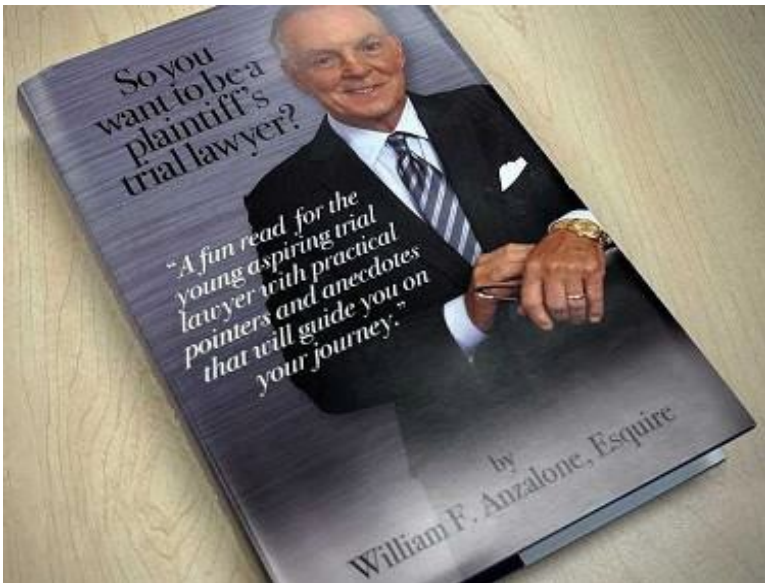
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*So you want to be a plaintiff's
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Each Young Lawyer attending will receive
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Topics to be covered include:
How to get your practice started,
Advertising,
Grassroots development and using lawyer referrals,
Deposition preparation and taking deposition,
Conducting cross examination of the defendants IME doctor,
Direct examination of your expert,
Jury selection,
Opening and closing arguments,
Mediation and Arbitration, and
the use of mock juries and focus groups.

The presentation will also include actual courtroom experiences that produced favorable and unfavorable results that Bill is willing to share with you as a learning experience.

Two Sessions Available to Attend:

Session 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Session 2

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Start of Program.

Program Runs
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
***Live* in the Presidents' Room.**
(Worth 2 Substantive CLE Credits).

The W-BLLA (#53) is an accredited CLE Provider.
This CLE provides 2 Substantive CLE Credits.

To REGISTER
Go to **Luzernecountybar.com**

All continuing education seminars are **FREE** for Luzerne County Bar Members. *All non-members cost \$35.*

**When registering be sure
to provide your name and
Attorney ID #.**

If you have any questions, please call Gail at
(570) 822-6712 or e-mail Gail at
Gail.Kopiak@luzernecounty.org.

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th at
NOON**



*“A Case Study:
The Trial of Shoeless Joe Jackson and
the Black Socks Scandal of 1919”*

Presented by
Albert J. Flora, Esq.

To Be Live and on Zoom.
(Worth 1 Substantive CLE Credit.)

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**When registering be sure
to provide your name and
Attorney ID #.**

All payments must be received 48 hours in advance of the program.
Minimum requirement is access to a computer or laptop, if you plan to use your cell phone or iPad you will need to download the Zoom App.

You need to log on using your first and last name as the CLE Board requires Online tracking for CLE Distance Learning verification purposes.

The location for LIVE attendance is in the Presidents' Room of the Law Library at the Luzerne County Courthouse. Space Is Limited. Register Early!

To pay by check: Please mail a check payable to the "Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association" to the Law Library at W-BLLA, Room 23, 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

About the Presenter:



Albert J. Flora, Esquire

Al Flora, Jr. has spent much of his 40-year legal career concentrating on criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts. During this tenure, he has argued appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Pa. Supreme and Superior Courts, has handled over 2,000 criminal cases and tried to verdict well over 100, including 6 capital murder cases. Some of his cases have attracted international attention, including representing George Banks who in 1982 killed 13 people; and Mark Ciavarella, Jr., who as a Pa. state juvenile court judge, was charged by the federal government with bribery and extortion out of what has become known as the “Kids for Cash” scandal. Many of his clients have been judges, lawyers and professional people.

One of his most significant accomplishments was the creation of a juvenile defender unit for Luzerne County which has been recognized as a state model for juvenile defense.

Despite concentrating in criminal defense, Al has also successfully represented plaintiffs in complex civil cases involving architectural, engineering and accounting malpractice, construction defects, police misconduct and employment discrimination.

As a former member of the Luzerne County Juvenile Justice Task Force, Al has lectured on the juvenile justice system to over 1,000 school teachers at in-service programs and to high school and college students. At the invite of Pa. Supreme Court Justice Correale Stevens, Al presented a lecture on criminal investigations as part of a law enforcement training program, which appeared on the Pennsylvania Cable News Network.

In 2014, Al testified before the Pa. State Senate Judiciary Committee on proposed legislation for Indigent Criminal Defense reform; and in 2011, he testified before the Article V Pa. Constitutional Review Commission on improvements to the juvenile defense delivery system and representation of juveniles by public defender offices.

This is one CLE that you don't want to miss!

It Is a Home Run!
You don't need to enjoy baseball
to enjoy this CLE.

Sept. 22—Oct. 20

ATTORNEY POSITION

Personal Injury Law Firm is currently accepting applications/resumes for a full-time associate. 1-3 years' experience preferred. **Contact: Cefalo Law (570) 655-5555** or: ***info@CefaloLawFirm.com***.

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KELLY BRAY, ESQUIRE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

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Join a Bar Committee

W-BLLA members may join a committee by contacting Gail at **(570) 822-6712** or at the e-mail address of **Gail.Kopiak@luzernecounty.org**. For a list of Committees and Committee Chairs, see issues of *The Luzerne Legal Register*. These lists are published frequently throughout the year.

Thank you.

CHARITABLE BAR FOUNDATION MEETING

September 13, 2023 at Noon

Attendees: Megan Kennedy, Lesa Butera, Suzanne Devine, Greg Fellerman, Rachael Olzewski, Girard Mecadon, Joe Burke, Kristin Shimonis and Cathy O'Donnell.

From January, 2023 to September 13, 2023 \$28,029.09 in contributions were received and deposited to the Foundation. During the same time period, \$26,120 was distributed to various charities. The Maui Wildfires special collection raised \$200 was distributed to the Maui—Hawaii Community Foundation. The balance as of September 13th was \$25,359.04.

Baskets and tickets to the Law Revue Talent Show will be sold by Foundation volunteers at the Bench Bar. Baskets are to be turned into either the Law Library or O'Donnell Law Office by November 1st. Volunteers will also be at the Law Revue at The Little Theatre to sell Basket tickets. All proceeds are to be divided 50/50 to The Little Theatre and the Foundation.

A Motion was made, seconded and approved to match up to \$1,000 all funds contributed in memory of Larry MacDonald, Esq. All funds collected will be given to Allied Hospice Foundation. A Motion was made, seconded and approved for a \$250 Advertisement to the NAACP Annual Dinner Booklet. A Motion was made, seconded and approved to give \$1,000 a piece to: Child Hunger Outreach Partners, Valley Santa, Friedman Jewish Community Center—Sarah's Table Food Pantry, St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen and CEO Weinberg Food Bank. Representatives from each organization will be invited to lunch at the Bench Bar with the hope to thank these charities for their work and distribute checks at the event as well.

As always, all Bar Association members are encouraged to contact Kristin at the Law Library or Cathy O'Donnell with any questions or suggestions regarding the Foundation.

The next meeting will be by Zoom on **January 17, 2024.**

Sept. 29



NOTICE

The Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County (11th Judicial District) is accepting applications for qualified applicants for the position of Civil Mediation Officer. The job description is available online at www.luzernecounty.org (under career opportunities). **Applications will be accepted until October 20, 2023.**

The position is a full-time position with a salary range of \$65,000 to \$75,000, with benefits. The Civil Mediation Officer must have a law degree from an accredited law school and have an active license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Interested applicants should apply online at www.luzernecounty.org under career opportunities.

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THE LUZERNE LEGAL REGISTER

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 GILBERT F. BITTENBENDER a/k/a Gilbert Franklin Bittenbender a/k/a Gilbert Bittenbender, late of Butler Township (died August 6, 2023), Delmar W. Kelschaw, Executor; Joseph R. Baranko, Jr., Esquire, Slusser Law Firm, 1620 North Church Street, Suite 1, Hazleton, PA 18202

ESTATE OF JEROME BRINZO, late of Edwardsville (died July 30, 2023), Valerie Szafranovicz, Administratrix; Law Offices of Bernard Walter, 1674 Memorial Hwy., Shavertown, PA 18708

ESTATE OF FRANCIS P. BURNS a/k/a Francis Patrick Burns, late of Jenkins Township (died August 16, 2023), Pauline Evans, Executrix; Saporito, Falcone & Watt, 48 South Main St., Pittston, PA 18640

ESTATE OF CHARLES NORMAN CHAREST a/k/a C. Norman Charest, late of Butler Township (died July 31, 2023), Rosemary Petrilla, Executrix; David L. Glassberg, Esquire, 466 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, PA 18249

ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. CUNIUS a/k/a Michael F. Cunius, Sr., late of Swoyersville (died August 5, 2023), Michael Cunius, Jr., Administrator; Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP, 1065 Hwy. 315, Suite 200, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

ESTATE OF GERALD N. DAVIDSON, late of Norwood (died March 25, 2023), Brian Andrew Davidson and Jason Michael Davidson, 24925 Patriots Way, Georgetown, DE 19947, Administrators

ESTATE OF ANNA DiBLASI, late of Hazle Township (died April 6, 2023), Edward Bodzio, Administrator; Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C., 600 Third Ave., Kingston, PA 18704

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE FISHER, late of Salem Township (died March 27, 2023), Jull Ann Fisher, Executrix; Robin J. Marzella, Esquire, R.J. Marzella & Associates, 3513 North Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

ESTATE OF MARITA F. GAYDOS, late of Hanover Township (died July 18, 2023), Monica L. Smith, Executrix; Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701

ESTATE OF MARGARET HODGSON, late of Pittston (died October 25, 2022), Julie Hodgson, Executrix; Jill E. Durkin, Esquire, Durkin Law, LLC, 401 Marshbrook Road, Factoryville, PA 18411

ESTATE OF GARY C. HUNSINGER, late of Hazle Township (died May 11, 2023), Natasha Hunsinger, Administratrix; Donald G. Karpovich, Esquire, 85 Drasher Rd., Drums, PA 18222

ESTATE OF WARREN LEROY JAMES a/k/a Warren James, late of Wright Township (died August 8, 2023), Karen Beier, Executrix; Joseph R. Baranko, Jr., Esquire, Slusser Law Firm, 1620 North Church Street, Suite 1, Hazleton, PA 18202

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ESTATE OF NANCY PHILLIPS a/k/a Nancy K. Phillips, late of Kingston (died August 3, 2023), Erick Ramunni, Executor; Patrick J. Aregood, Esquire, 1218 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

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ESTATE OF RICHARD L. STEIN-BACHER a/k/a Richard Lee Steinbacher, late of Butler Twp. (died May 19, 2023), Richard L. Steinbacher, Jr., Personal Representative; Joseph S. Toczydlowski, Jr., Esquire, 723 North Main St., Archbald, PA 18403

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

NO. 5990 OF 2023

AND NOW, this 24th day of August, 2023, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Hearing on Petition to Find Ilonka Cann Deceased Pursuant to 20 Pa. C.S.A. 5701, et seq., date of birth March 19, 1948, with a last address of 70 Cann Road, Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 18651, shall be scheduled to occur on the 17th day of October, 2023 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom No. TBD, Luzerne County Courthouse, for reason that Ilonka Cann was last known to be alive on May 25, 1970, and has never been heard from since. Petitioner, Anita Harless, resid-

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ing in the state of Texas, shall be permitted to attend and testify at said hearing via electronic means.

Prior to such a hearing, a Notice pursuant to 20 Pa. C.S.A. 5704 shall be published in the Times Leader and in the Luzerne County Legal Register.

BY THE COURT:

/s/RICHARD M. HUGHES, III, J.

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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

NO. 2022-11777

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5

Plaintiff

v.

BUDDY T. FAVATA; RODNEY W. SWIGART, JR., IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEIR OF PAMELA S. FAVATA a/k/a PAMELA SUSAN FAVATA ET AL.

Defendants

COMPLAINT IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

To: UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, OR ASSO-

CIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER PAMELA S. FAVATA a/k/a PAMELA SUSAN FAVATA, Defendant(s), 836 STATE RT. 118, SWEET VALLEY, PA 18656

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, has filed a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint endorsed with a Notice to Defend, against you in the Court of Common Pleas of LUZERNE County, PA docketed to No. 2022-11777, seeking to foreclose the mortgage secured on your property located, 836 STATE RT. 118, SWEET VALLEY, PA 18656.

NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in this notice you must take action within twenty (20) days after the 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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PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 22, 2023, the Petition of Zachary Schoeneberger was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 09869 of 2023, praying for a Decree to Change his name to Zachary Schoene.

The Court has fixed November 13, 2023 at 1 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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PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 22, 2023, the Petition of Merissa Schoeneberger was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 09870 of 2023, praying for a Decree to Change her name to Merissa Schoene.

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The Court has fixed November 13, 2023 at 1 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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FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provision of the Fictitious Name Act, a fictitious name registration was filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State by Pennsylvania CVS Pharmacy, L.L.C., 1 CVS Dr., Woonsocket, RI 02895 to carry on business in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania under the assumed name or fictitious name, style or designation of:

CVS/PHARMACY #1591 with an address of: 351 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Said registration was filed on September 14, 2023.

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CVS/PHARMACY #1891 with an address of: 64 S. Locust St., Hazleton, PA 18201. Said registration was filed on September 14, 2023.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 20, 2023, the Petition of Autumn Murray, a minor, by Courtney H. Harrison, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 9802 of 2023, praying for a decree to change her name to Autumn Olivia Harrison-Crop.

The Court has fixed November 8, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

MICHAEL A. SHOTTO, JR.,
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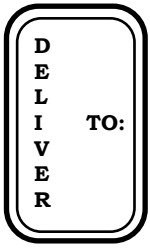
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