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- ▶ **Strothers vs. Cruz, Borgess and City of Williamsport** (12/15/2020)—Judge Eric R. Linhardt
Civil: Preliminary objections; duty of city to maintain traffic lights; general averments of improper design of streets, crosswalks, pathways or traffic signals; use of boilerplate phrase “including but not limited to”; specificity of complaint; amendment of complaint; viability of non-medical incidental expenses under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act. (Strothers121520Li) (Posted: December 22, 2020)
- ▶ **Turnkey Construction Inc. vs. Lundberg** (12/15/2020)—Judge Eric R. Linhardt
Civil: Motion to compel settlement; settlement agreements interpreted under principals of contract law; existence of viable offer to settle; e-mail exchanges of draft settlement agreements; draft agreement incorporating opposing party’s proposed revisions as offer to settle. (Turnkey121520Li) (Posted: December 22, 2020)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Spencer** (12/15/2020)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio
Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; issues previously litigated; waiver; ineffective counsel claims; objection to jury charge where the law was accurately given to the jury; clarifying instructions given to jury outside of presence of defendant; prejudice; harmless error. (Spencer121520L) (Posted: December 16, 2020)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Sturgis** (12/15/2020)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio
Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; timeliness; court jurisdiction; claimed excuse of closure of prison library due to COVID-19 limitations; necessity to use law library. (Sturgis121520L) (Posted: December 15, 2020)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Boone** (12/15/2020)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio
Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; timeliness; waiver. (Boone121520L) (Posted: December 15, 2020)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Etumnu** (12/15/2020)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio
Criminal: Motion to suppress; probable cause for arrest; suspect who fled police and discarded plastic bags with white substances voluntarily and spontaneously made statements. (Etumnu121520L) (Posted: December 15, 2020)

- **Commonwealth vs. Sailor (12/07/2020)**—Judge David E. Grine
Criminal: Appeal; remand for recusal hearing at which judge and his legal intern were witnesses; issue regarding ex parte conversation between juror and judge during break in trial; harmless error; prejudice; juror’s dismissal from case before deliberations. (Sailor-120720grine) (Posted: December 15, 2020)

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—The Lycoming Law Association Foundation

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: LLA BAR HISTORY :
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION : **NO.**
KRISTINE L. WALTZ, ESQUIRE :

**REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE ABOVE-NAMED
COURT:**

The Honorable Judge Nancy L. Butts, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, 29th Judicial District, by Order dated January 16, 2020, appointed the undersigned Committee to draft Resolutions memorializing the life of Kristine L. Waltz, Esquire and to submit the same to this Honorable Court at a session of Court that was previously scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020. That session of Court was continued due to the COVID-19 restrictions, and the Report and Resolutions of this Committee will now be submitted to the Court, via teleconference, on Monday December 14th, 2020.

1. Kristine L. Waltz, a member of the Bar of this Court since 1982, died unexpectedly on December 22, 2019.

2. Kristine was the wife of Stephen Sorage, the two married in April 1993, and the mother of two children, Stephanie and Sarah.

3. Kristine was born on April 26, 1957 in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Carl and Anita Waltz.

4. Kristine was a member of First Church, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

5. Kristine graduated from Lycoming College in 1979 and went on to graduate from the Temple University School of Law May 27, 1982. On motion of Judge Robert James Wollet she was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar on November 12, 1982. Kristine practiced Law in Lycoming County for 36 years.

6. Kristine had a love for music and was active in the music program at Lycoming College. She was also active in the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra and her church choir.

7. Kristine donated her time to assisting the mock trial team of the Montoursville Area High School. She enjoyed volunteering her

time with the staff and working with the youth on their presentations and their understanding of the law.

8. Kristine loved to help others and was able to use her professional expertise by bringing a program, Wills for Heroes, to Lycoming County. This program provides estate planning documents to first responders and veterans, free of charge.

9. Kristine's desire to help people extended beyond her passing, through organ and tissue donation.

10. Kristine was preceded in death by her father, Carl, and her mother, Anita.

11. Kristine is survived by her husband, Stephen; daughters, Stephanie and Sarah; twin brother, Kevin and two older brothers, Tom and Steve.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the undersigned, joined by the Bar of Lycoming County, do recognize the passing of Kristine L. Waltz, Esquire and recommend adopting the following resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the passing of Kristine L. Waltz, there has been a loss to the Bar of Lycoming County of an outstanding member who represented the best principles of the legal profession; a loss to her family of a loving wife and mother and a loss to her friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the records of this Court and that copies of the same be sent to her widower and children.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Court and its Bar hereby extend to her widower and to her children a deep and heartfelt expression of sympathy.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Michael A. Dinges, Esquire, Chairman

Andrea Bower, Esquire

William Carlucci, Esquire

Fred Holland, Esquire

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John Pietrovito, Esquire

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Cole, Ralph M., Jr. a/k/a Ralph M. Cole, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport City.
 Executor: Ralph M. Cole, III c/o Elizabeth A. White, Esquire, 835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
 Attorneys: Elizabeth A. White, Esquire, McCormick Law Firm, 835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Russell, Jane A., dec'd.

Late of Fairfield Township.
 Executor: John H. Russell c/o Tammy A. Weber, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.
 Attorneys: Tammy A. Weber, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Sweitzer, Harriet B., dec'd.

Late of Limestone Township.
 The Harriet B. Sweitzer Protector Trust, dated December 19, 2017.
 Settlor: Harriet B. Sweitzer.

Trustees: Camille C. Bowen and Steven V. Sweitzer.

Attorneys: Julieanne E. Steinbacher, Esquire, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, 413 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701.

SECOND PUBLICATION

Arthur, James D., dec'd.

Late of Hughesville.
 Executor: Geoffrey S. Arthur, 1704 Becht Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.
 Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Bowen, James H., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
 Executrix: Kathryn Russell, 2729 Newberry Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
 Attorney: None.

Cooper, Beatrice A. a/k/a Beatrice Y. Cooper, dec'd.

Late of 25 Brook Street, Montgomery.
 Administratrix: June M. Snyder, 47 High Street, Montgomery, PA 17752.
 Attorney: J. Howard Langdon, Esquire, 3 South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

Hester, David W., dec'd.

Late of 1101 ElimSPORT Road, Montgomery.
 Administrator: Franklin J. Hester, 264 Neuhard Road, Hughesville, PA 17737.
 Attorney: J. Howard Langdon, Esquire, 3 South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

Kaiser, Vyrl G., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
 Administrator: Jabe A. Walters, 284 Spook Hollow Road, Cogan Station, PA 17728.

Attorney: Scott A. Williams, Esquire,
57 East Fourth Street, Williamsport,
PA 17701.

THIRD PUBLICATION

Hanford, Ruth E. a/k/a Ruth E. Ennis, dec'd.

Late of South Williamsport.
Administrators: Linda M. Ennis, 365 I
92nd Place, Sturtevant, WI 53177
and Joseph L. Ennis, Jr., 1664 Spook
Hollow Road, Linden, PA 17744.
Attorney: Layne R. Oden, Esquire,
Nine South Main Street, Muncy, PA
17756-1306.

Ludwick, Esther N., 41-20-0588,
dec'd.

Late of Loyalsock Township.
Executrix: Kathryn A. Moody c/o
Malee Law Firm, P.C., 310 East Third
Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorneys: Malee Law Firm, P.C.,
310 East Third Street, Williamsport,
PA 17701.

Shaibley, David K., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Armstrong.
Executor: Steven J. Diehl, 5 Lower
Tuckahoe Road E., Richmond, VA
23738.

Attorney: Paul A. Roman, Esquire,
1700 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport,
PA 17701.

Stackhouse, Richard W. a/k/a Richard Stackhouse, dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.
Executor: Guy L. Stackhouse, 234
Rainbow Hill Road, Benton, PA
17814.

Attorney: Marissa B. Marshall, Es-
quire, 401 S. Market Street, Blooms-
burg, PA 17815.

Wertz, Betty Jane, dec'd.

Late of Montgomery.
Executor: Lanny D. Wertz, 1226
Pinchtown Road, Montgomery, PA
17752.

Attorneys: Scott T. Williams, Es-
quire, Law Offices of Perciballi &
Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street,
Williamsport, PA 17701.

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