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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Additional information about any of these events is available on the Lycoming Law Association website at [www.lycolaw.org](http://www.lycolaw.org).

- 9/25/2023 – Executive Committee Meeting:** *Bar leaders' monthly meeting.*  
**Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/11/2023 – Civil Bar Brown Bag Meeting:** *Regular meeting of the Lycoming County Civil Bar Committee.* **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/11/2023 – Community Outreach & Activities Committee Meeting:**  
*Regular meeting.* **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/17/2023 – Family Bar Brown Bag Committee Meeting:** *Regularly scheduled meeting of the Family Bar Committee.* **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
- 10/17/2023 – Memorial Service for Bill Nichols:** *Lycoming County Court's Special Session memorializing LLA Member Bill Nichols.* **Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

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## UPCOMING LYCOMING COUNTY CLE OPPORTUNITY

- 10/4/2023 – 1 Ethics CLE Eat & Earn:** *Presented by Atty. Brian Quinn from Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Details forthcoming.* **CLE Credits:** 1 Ethics  
**Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

The full text of the following Lycoming County Court opinions is reported at [www.lycolaw.org/cases/search.asp](http://www.lycolaw.org/cases/search.asp)

- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Pulizzi (08/31/2023)**—Judge Nancy L. Butts  
Criminal: Appeal; motion in limine precluding defendant from stating names of sexual assault charges filed against the victim, as a result of which alleged crimes of defendant were revealed; discretion of trial court to allow cross-examination about pending criminal charges; prejudicial nature of names of pending charges; evidence of bias; cautionary instruction. (Pulizzi083123bt) (Posted: September 5, 2023)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Hoffman (08/24/2023)**—Judge Nancy L. Butts  
Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; voluntary, knowing, and intelligent guilty plea; discussions at the plea hearing and awareness of defendant of the terms of the plea. (Hoffman082423bt) (Posted: August 29, 2023)


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

In Re: LLA Bar History :  
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION : CV-23-00004  
JOHN A. GUMMO :

**TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:**

On the 15th day of May, 2023, the Honorable Nancy L. Butts, President Judge of the 29th Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appointed the undersigned Committee to prepare a Report and Resolutions memorializing the life of John A. Gummo for submission to the Court at a public ceremony on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Accordingly, your Committee respectfully submits the following Report and Resolutions:

1. John A. Gummo, a member of this bar and court from 1991 to 2023, as well as a member of the Lycoming Law Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association, died at Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania on Monday, May 1, 2023.
2. Services were held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Turbotville, Pennsylvania, where he attended church. The church was very well attended by his many friends, colleagues and relatives including several Lycoming County Judges and numerous Lycoming County Bar members.
3. John Andrew Gummo, the oldest son of John A. Gummo and Joyce A. Gummo, was born on July 18, 1962, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. When John was a child his family moved to the Danville/Riverside area and then to Laurel Run Farm in Clinton County where most of his childhood and youth was spent. As an adult he lived in South Williamsport before moving to Delaware Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania where he lived until his death.
4. John married Cassandra Hoyt on November 5, 1994, with whom he celebrated twenty-eight years of marriage. John had three children: Marissa Lynn, Andrew John and Matthew Allan.
5. John is also survived by three grandchildren, Carly, Kayson and Kylan and their father, John's son-in-law, Tyler; his parents, John and Joyce Gummo of Beech Creek; his sister,

Jill A. Gummo of Pittsburgh and her sons Joseph and John; and his sister-in-law Michelle and her daughters Courtney and Lauren. John was predeceased by his younger brother Jeffrey A. Gummo.

6. Additionally, John is survived by his in-laws, Sandra and J. Ralph Hoyt, Jr.; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lori and J. Ralph Hoyt, III, his nephew and his nephew's wife, Craig and Erica Hoyt, and their two children, Logan and Evan; Marissa's mother and step-father, Sheri and William Ruffing as well as their daughter, McKenzie, who John considered one of his family.
7. John attended high school initially at Bald Eagle Nittany and then graduated in 1981 from Lock Haven High School. In high school he served as class president, played football and was involved in ski club, choir and service clubs. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Lycoming College in 1985 and while there played football and was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, worked on the landscaping crew and spent a semester abroad in 1984 where he had an internship with the British Parliament. He then attended Ohio Northern University School of Law where he graduated in 1988.
8. John was admitted to the Bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1991, and later the Lycoming County Bar in 1992 as well as to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, Third Circuit, in 1999 and to the United States Sentencing Commission in 1995.
9. John began his law career in Lycoming County as an associate with Attorney David C. Raker. He and David Raker later formed the partnership of Raker and Gummo at 322 Court Street in Williamsport. Over the course of his time there, he shared offices with David Raker, Ralph "Pat" Thorne and Eric Linhardt.
10. John began an association with Eric Linhardt in 1995 where together they maintained a law office at 25 West Third Street until Eric Linhardt became Lycoming County District Attorney in 2008. John's work was concentrated in family and criminal law, and he was a municipal solicitor as well, including for Brady Township for many years. John served his clients

well. He was particularly adept at resolving difficulties and negotiating solutions which benefitted all involved.

11. John coached youth football and baseball as well as hosted and arranged events for both his family and his children's sports teams, including team meals. John will always be remembered as a giving and gracious man who thoroughly enjoyed time with friends, family and colleagues. He had a great love of history and trains, a passion he shared with his father, and he enjoyed visiting historic sites.
12. John will be remembered for his kind, loving, fun and generous spirit, his welcoming nature, positive energy and his ability to impact people's lives and help them during difficult times.
13. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolutions:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned Committee appointed by this Court, joined in by the Lycoming County Bar, do hereby recognize the passing of John A. Gummo, Esquire, and in his death we remember his many contributions to the citizens of Lycoming County and to this Bar.

RESOLVED FURTHER that these Resolutions and statements be spread at length, upon the Minutes of Your Honorable Court with copies sent to John A. Gummo's widow, children and parents and be published in the **Lycoming Reporter**.

RESOLVED FINALLY that this Court and the Lycoming Bar extend to John A. Gummo's widow, children, grandchildren and parents, and other family members, our deep heartfelt expression of sympathy and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Raker, Chairman

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Honorable Dudley Anderson

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Honorable Eric R. Linhardt

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These contributions assist the LLA Foundation in furthering its purpose of providing access to justice for civil legal services needed by low-income people in Lycoming County and supporting law-related community events.

The LLA Foundation is funded almost entirely through the support of the LLA Members. Thank you.

—The Lycoming Law Association Foundation





This is an in-person CLE offering at the LLA Office. Seating will be limited.  
Submit registration and payment early to secure a seat.

Cost (Lunch & Credit)  
\$37.50 - LLA Member  
\$52.50 - Non Member  
\$26.25 - Paralegal

**PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED.**  
Late registrations will not be accepted and  
no refunds will be given after the cut-off date.

**1 ETHICS CREDIT**

**Virtual Isolation:  
Is Hyperconnectivity Helping or  
Harming the Legal Professional?**

**Presented By:**  
**Brian S. Quinn, Esq.**  
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**Lunch Selections**  
*(please circle)*

- Sourdough | Wheat | Rye | Crescent Roll | Wrap
- Turkey | Ham | Roasted Chicken | Roast Beef | Chicken Salad | Tuna Salad
- American | Provolone | Swiss
- Lettuce | Tomato | Onion | Hot Peppers | Sweet Peppers
- Mayo | Oil | Mustard

**October 4, 2023 from 12-1:00 PM**  
*Registration Deadline: September 20, 2023*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notice is hereby given that, in the estates of the decedents set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the persons named. Notice is also hereby given of the existence of the trusts of the deceased settlors set forth below for whom no personal representatives have been appointed within 90 days of death. All persons having claims or demands against said estates or trusts are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estates or trusts are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or administrators or trustees or to their attorneys named below.

### FIRST PUBLICATION

**Geiger, Martina B. a/k/a Martina B. Mangiardi Geiger**, 41-23-0468, dec'd.

Late of Loyalsock Township.  
 Executrix: Judith Ann Fink 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.

**Hill, Larry R., Jr.**, dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.  
 Executrix: Dorothy Rishel, 48 S. Hopple Hollow Rd., Loganton, PA 17747.  
 Attorneys: Charles R. Rosamilia, Jr., Esquire, The Rosamilia Law Firm, 241 West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745.

**Palmatier, Linda L. a/k/a Linda Lou Palmatier**, dec'd.

Late of Muncy.  
 Administrator: Corey Palmatier, 40 Worthington Lane, Muncy, PA 17756.

Attorneys: Layne R. Oden, Esquire, Layne R. Oden, Attorney and Counselor at Law, P.C., Nine South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

**Poulliott, James H.**, dec'd.

Late of Montoursville Borough.  
 Administrator: Debra A. Mosch c/o Mark E. Halbruner, Esquire, Halbruner, Hatch & Guise, LLP, 3435 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.  
 Attorneys: Mark E. Halbruner, Esquire, Halbruner, Hatch & Guise, LLP, 3435 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Spencer, Nathan Hughes a/k/a Nate Spencer**, dec'd.

Late of McIntyre Township.  
 Executor: Dennis Spencer, 987 VanHorn Road, Granville Summit, PA 16926.  
 Attorneys: Gary L. Black, Esquire, Lepley, Engelman & Yaw & Wilk, LLC, P.O. Box 127, Canton, PA 17724.

### SECOND PUBLICATION

**Gledhill, John M.**, dec'd.

Late of Pennsdale.  
 Executor: Charles A.B. Zook, III, 1410 Doctor Poust Road, Hughesville, PA 17737.  
 Attorney: Scott A. Williams, Esquire, 57 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

**Hudock, Michael J., Sr.**, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.  
 Co-Executors: Barbara Hudock, 360 Grampian Blvd., Williamsport, PA 17701 and Michael J. Hudock, Jr., 450 Reade Drive, Cogan Station, PA 17728.  
 Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

**Long, Nanette R.**, dec'd.

Late of South Williamsport.

Administratrix: Courtney P. Long,  
534 Childs Drive, So. Williamsport,  
PA 17702.

Attorneys: Lisa M. Glick, Esquire,  
Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira  
Street, Williamsport, PA 17701,  
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**Shaner, Donna L.,** dec'd.

Late of Franklin Township.  
Executrix: Andrea K. Temple, 2924  
Moreland Baptist Road, Muncy, PA  
17756.

Attorneys: Thomas D. Hess, Esquire,  
Hess and Hess, P.C., 30 South Main  
Street, Hughesville, PA 17737.

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**Sprankle, Beverly D.,** dec'd.

Late of Fairfield Township.  
Executor: Ephrata National Bank,  
47 East Main Street, P.O. Box 238,  
Ephrata, PA 17522.

Attorneys: Thomas D. Hess, Esquire,  
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Street, Hughesville, PA 17737.

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**THIRD PUBLICATION**

**Boughton, Michael T.,** dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.  
Administratrix: Christina Boughton  
c/o Perciballi & Williams, LLC, 429  
Market Street, Williamsport, PA  
17701.

Attorneys: Lindsay M. Scheller,  
Esquire, Law Offices of Perciballi &  
Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street,  
Williamsport, PA 17701.

**Dinges, Ivan K.,** dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.

Executor: Michael A. Dinges, 1307  
Sheridan Street, Williamsport, PA  
17701.

Attorneys: Anthony J. Grieco, Es-  
quire, Elion, Grieco & Shipman, P.C.,  
125 East Third Street, Williamsport,  
PA 17701.

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**Nichols, Sandra J.,** dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.

Executrix: Cindy L. Christian c/o  
Marc S. Drier, Esquire, 227 Allegh-  
eny Street, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Attorney: Marc S. Drier, Esquire,  
227 Allegheny Street, Jersey Shore,  
PA 17740.

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**Tamlang, Karen,** dec'd.

Late of Muncy.

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10235 112 St. NW, Edmonton, AB  
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Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder,  
Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445  
Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA  
17701, (570) 321-0709.

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**Vonneida, Christopher M. a/k/a  
Christopher Vonneida a/k/a  
Christopher M. Vonneida, Jr.  
a/k/a Christopher Mark Von-  
neida a/k/a Chris Vonneida,**  
dec'd.

Late of 161 S. Railroad St., Hughesville.

Administratrix: Allison L. Hummel.  
Attorneys: Jessica M. Lehman, Es-  
quire, Hill, Turowski, James &  
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Bloomsburg, PA 17815.



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