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- Additional information about any of these events is available on the Lycoming Law Association website at www.lycolaw.org.
- 10/13/2021 Civil Brown Bag Lunch Meeting. Brown bag lunch meeting. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/13/2021 Community Activities and Outreach Committee. Quarterly meeting of Community Activities and Outreach Committee. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/25/2021 Executive Committee Meeting. Monthly meeting of the LLA's Executive Committee. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/26/2021 Criminal Law Committee Meeting. Criminal Law "brown bag" lunch meeting. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 10/27/2021 Lycoming Law Association Foundation. Quarterly meeting of the LLA Foundation. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.



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The full text of the following Lycoming County Court opinions is reported at www.lycolaw.org/cases/search.asp

► Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Funk (09/17/2021)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Civil: Preliminary objections; specificity of complaint; assignment of rights to recover credit card account balance; link between attached document and defendant's account. (Portfolio091721t) (Posted: September 21, 2021)

►IDK Adoption (09/17/2021)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Adoption: Petition for involuntary termination of parental rights; incarcerated parent; parent demonstrates settled purpose to relinquish parental claim to child or fails to perform parental duties for at least six months; no existing bond. (IDK091721t) (Posted: September 20, 2021)

► Commonwealth vs. Alwan-Johnson (09/09/2021)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Suppression motion; probable cause for warrantless search of vehicle; inventory search; inevitable discovery of evidence; abandonment of vehicle when fleeing police; probable cause for search warrant of hotel room; review of four corners of affidavit. (Alwan-Johnson090921bt) (Posted: September 20, 2021)

▶D'Hue Estate (09/15/2021)—Judge Eric R. Linhardt

Wills and Estates: Non-jury trial; appeal from probate; testamentary capacity; presumption of sound mind; clear, strong, and compelling evidence necessary to prove challenge; validity of guided hand signature; credibility of witnesses; factors to establish prima facie case for undue influence; proof of confidential relationship. (dhue091521L) (Posted: September 20, 2021)

► Heivly vs. Santander Bank, N.A. (09/17/2021)—Judge Eric R. Linhardt

Civil: Motion in limine; admissibility of evidence of the negligence of plaintiff's employer; consideration of the conduct of non-parties against whom damages cannot be apportioned; duty owed by property owner to employees of independent contractor; peculiar risk; risk created solely by the contractor's collateral negligence; evidence of employer's negligence where evidence is relevant to third party's defenses; interpretation of contractual indemnity clause. (Heivly091721Li) (Posted: September 20, 2021)

► Commonwealth vs. Thompson (09/20/2021)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio

Criminal: Motion to suppress identification evidence; unreliable and unduly suggestive court identification; clear and convincing evidence; need to establish improper police conduct to suppress identification; weight and credibility of evidence for determination by jury; motion in limine to preclude interview questions referencing previous criminal conduct; prejudicial impact of evidence; motion to admit expert identification testimony where case is dependent upon eyewitness testimony. (Thompson092021L) (Posted: September 20, 2021)

- ▶ Commonwealth vs. Logan (09/17/2021)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; factually incorrect petition of counsel to withdraw; obligations of counsel; thorough review of record for issues justifying pursuit of post-conviction collateral relief by counsel. (logan091721) (Posted: September 18, 2021)
- ► Good vs. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company (09/16/2021)— Judge Ryan M. Tira

Civil: Preliminary objections; breach of insurance contract claim; specificity of damage allegations in complaint; propriety of attaching to complaint estimate of costs associated with damage claim. (Good091621t) (Posted: September 18, 2021)

- ► Commonwealth vs. Hill (09/15/2021)—Judge Ryan M. Tira Criminal: Motion to dismiss under Rule 600; suspension of rules due to COVID-19 judicial emergency; continuances requested by defendant. (Hill091521t) (Posted: September 18, 2021)
- ▶ Commonwealth vs. Page (09/14/2021)—Judge Nancy L. Butts
 Criminal: Motion to admit out-of-court or hearsay statements of child victim under Tender Years Hearsay Act; relevant evidence that provides sufficient indicia of reliability; consideration of spontaneity of statements, consistency in repetition, mental state of declarant, use of terms unexpected in child, lack of motive to fabricate. (Page091421bt) (Posted: September 16, 2021)
- ► Commonwealth vs. Daubert (09/10/2021)—Judge Nancy L. Butts Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; timeliness; jurisdiction of court. (Daubert091021bt) (Posted: September 16, 2021)
- ▶ Commonwealth vs. Sanders (09/16/2021)—Judge Marc F. Lovecchio Criminal: Post Conviction Relief Act petition; effectiveness of counsel; arguable merit of claim; challenge to validity of warrant based on false statements and omissions in affidavit; expectation of privacy; presumed prejudice for failure to file appeal. (Sanders091621L) (Posted: September 16, 2021)

ESTATE AND TRUST NOTICES

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

Bergerstock, Donald B., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Executor: Timothy L. Bergerstock c/o Perciballi & Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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

Flook, Mark F., dec'd.

Late of Cogan Station.

Administrators: Richard M. Flook, Michael W. Flook and Mindy S. Flook c/o Perciballi & Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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

Gephart, Martha Jane, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Executor: Christopher Gephart, 1013 Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45215.

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

Hess, Jane L., dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.

Executor: Christopher Hess, 3580 Route 287 Hwy., Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Nickles, Darlene S., dec'd.

Late of 72 Railroad Street, Picture Rocks.

Administrators: Jay U. Nickles and Pauline A. Nickles, 1589 Old Lairdsville Road, Muncy, PA 17756.

Attorney: J. Howard Langdon, Esquire, 3 South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

SECOND PUBLICATION

Burchanoski, Thomas E., dec'd. Late of S. Williamsport.

Administrator: Matthew Burchanoski, 14 Woodhaven Way, Easley, SC 29642.

Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Desanto, Marcella A., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport. Administratrices: Ashley Moore, 7008 Conroe Mill, San Antonio, TX 78253 and Melissa A. Brent, 425 Jaculin Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17702.

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

McCarty, Barbara E., 41-21-0557, dec'd.

Late of the Borough of South Williamsport.

Executor: Carl D. Hiller, Jr. 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.

Strayer, Frances L., dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.

Executor: Bryan R. Sholtis c/o Craig A. Hatch, Esquire, Halbruner, Hatch & Guise, LLP, 2109 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Attorneys: Craig A. Hatch, Esquire, Halbruner, Hatch & Guise, LLP, 2109 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Woodring, William David, dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.

Executrices: Dottie Ann Woodring and Malena Danyelle Evans, 2242 Coldwater Town Road, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Attorney: Leroy H. Keiler, III, Esquire, I10 Oliver Street, Ste. 2, P.O. Box 263, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, (570) 398-2750.

THIRD PUBLICATION

Allen, Rex P., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Executor: Rex B. Allen, 2390 Deep Hollow Rd., Dover, PA 17315. Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445

Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Bartley, Bertha M., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Administrators: Barbara A. Reed and Tanya L. Dodge c/o Scott T. Williams, Esquire, Law Offices of Perciballi & Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Attorneys: Scott T. Williams, Esquire, Law Offices of Perciballi & Williams, LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Hulsizer, Kathy C., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Loyalsock. Executor: Wayne Paul, 980 Lamont Drive, Cogan Station, PA 17728. Attorney: Paul A. Roman, Esquire, 1700 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Lowe, Mac D., Jr. a/k/a Mac Dean Lowe, Jr., dec'd.

Late of Muncy.

Executors: Jill A. Laforme, 463 Willow Road, Watsontown, PA 17777 and Olivia N. Lowe, 571 Bower Drive, Montgomery, PA 17752.
Attorneys: Layne R. Oden, Esquire, Layne R. Oden, Attorney and Counselor at Law, P.C., Nine South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

Verbeck, William Charles a/k/a William C. Verbeck a/k/a William Verbeck, dec'd.

Late of Muncy.

Administrator: Ralph W. Verbeck, 8497 Sevilla Court, Naples, FL 34114. Attorneys: Layne R. Oden, Esquire, Layne R. Oden, Attorney and Counselor at Law, P.C., Nine South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756.

Washburn, Byron R., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Executrix: Martha J. Washburn. Attorneys: Brittany O.L. Smith, Esquire, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, 413 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701.

REGISTER OF WILLS CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all parties interested that the following Account together with Statement of Proposed Distribution accompanying the same has been filed in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court is presented to the Orphans' Court of Lycoming County

for Confirmation Absolute October 5, 2021, unless exceptions are filed before 5:00 P.M. on that date.

Frick, William F., Estate—Polly A. Reynolds, Executrix. David A. Huffman Register of Wills

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REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 11, 2021 for:

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at: 415 Clayton Avenue, Unit #2, Williamsport, PA 17701. The name and address of the individual interested in the business are Thayne Carper at 415 Clayton Avenue, Unit #2, Williamsport, PA 17701. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. 311.417.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sandra Barrett, 5720 Route 87 Highway, Lot #12, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105, an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name under the Fictitious Name Act to conduct business under the name of:

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with its principal place of business at: 1604 East Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, she being the only individual interested in it or owning said business; all in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. §311.

FRED A. HOLLAND, ESQUIRE MURPHY, BUTTERFIELD & HOLLAND, P.C. 442 William Street Williamsport, PA 17701

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on June 21, 2021 for:

OREGON HILL CONTRACTORS at: 6973 English Run Rd., Morris, PA 16938. The name and address of the individual interested in the business are Leil Ehst at 6973 English Run Rd., Morris, PA 16938. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. 311.417.

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INTENTION TO CHANGE NAME

In the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

NO. 21-0510

In re: Name Change of Magnolia Diakite

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 9, 2021, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court, praying for a decree changing the name of Magnolia Diakite to Malia Diakite.

The Court has fixed September 28, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in Courtroom number 2 of the Lycoming County Courthouse, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania17701as the time and place for the hearing on said petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

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SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania Civil Action—Law

No. CV-2019-0001358 MF

U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust

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Paul E. Chapman, known heir of Kenneth W. Chapman et al.

OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER PA. RCP 3129.2

To: Unknown Heirs of Kenneth W. Chapman

Your real estate situate at 906 Sherman Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, Parcel number 61-001.0-0200.00-000. is scheduled to be sold at Sheriff's Sale on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., Prevailing Time, in the Executive Plaza, 1st Floor, Commissioners Board Room, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, to enforce the Court Judgment of \$65,834.88 obtained by U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust, and against you. The real estate being sold is all that certain messuage and tract or parcel of land situate at 906 Sherman Street, Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania 17701. The owner or reputed owner of the real estate being sold is Kenneth W. Chapman, Deceased. The improvements on the said real estate are: Household Unit.

A Schedule of Distribution will be filed by the Sheriff on a date specified by the Sheriff no later than thirty days after sale. Distribution will be made in accordance with the Schedule unless Exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days after the filing of the Schedule of Distribution.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, TELE-PHONE THE OFFICE LISTED BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

Pennsylvania Lawyer Referral Service P.O. Box 186 Harrisburg, PA 17108 Telephone (800) 692-7375 North Penn Legal Services Penn Tower Bldg. 25 W. Third Street Ste. 400 Williamsport, PA 17701 (570) 323-8741 ROMANO, GARUBO & ARGENTIERI, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 52 Newton Ave. Woodbury, NJ 08096 (856) 384-1515

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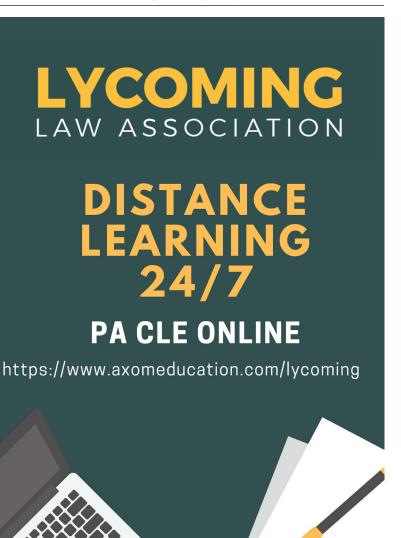
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- **\$23,241** to preserve and provide access to legal materials for the public;
- **\$17,000** to train attorneys and other service providers in different areas of the law;
- \$11,400 to fund legal education and Mock Trial Teams for high school students;
- **\$7,237.04** to provide funding for court-appointed child advocates.

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