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Additional information about any of these events is available on the Lycoming Law Association website at www.lycolaw.org.

12/3/2026 – **New Attorney Admission Ceremony:** *New Attorney Admission Ceremony!* **Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

12/10/2026 – **Criminal Brown Bag Lunch Meeting:** *Quarterly brown bag lunch meeting for Criminal Law Committee.* **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

12/14/2026 – **Executive Committee Meeting:** *Monthly meeting of LLA Executive Committee.* **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

1/11/2027 – **LLA & LLAF Annual Meetings:** *2027 Annual Meeting of LLA and LLAF. Please plan to attend!* **Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

UPCOMING LYCOMING COUNTY CLE OPPORTUNITY

***12/16/2026 – E&E: E&E: View from the Bench—10 Hypotheticals Every Lawyer Must Handle*:** *Presented By: Marc F. Lovecchio, Esq.* **CLE credits:** 1 Substantive. **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

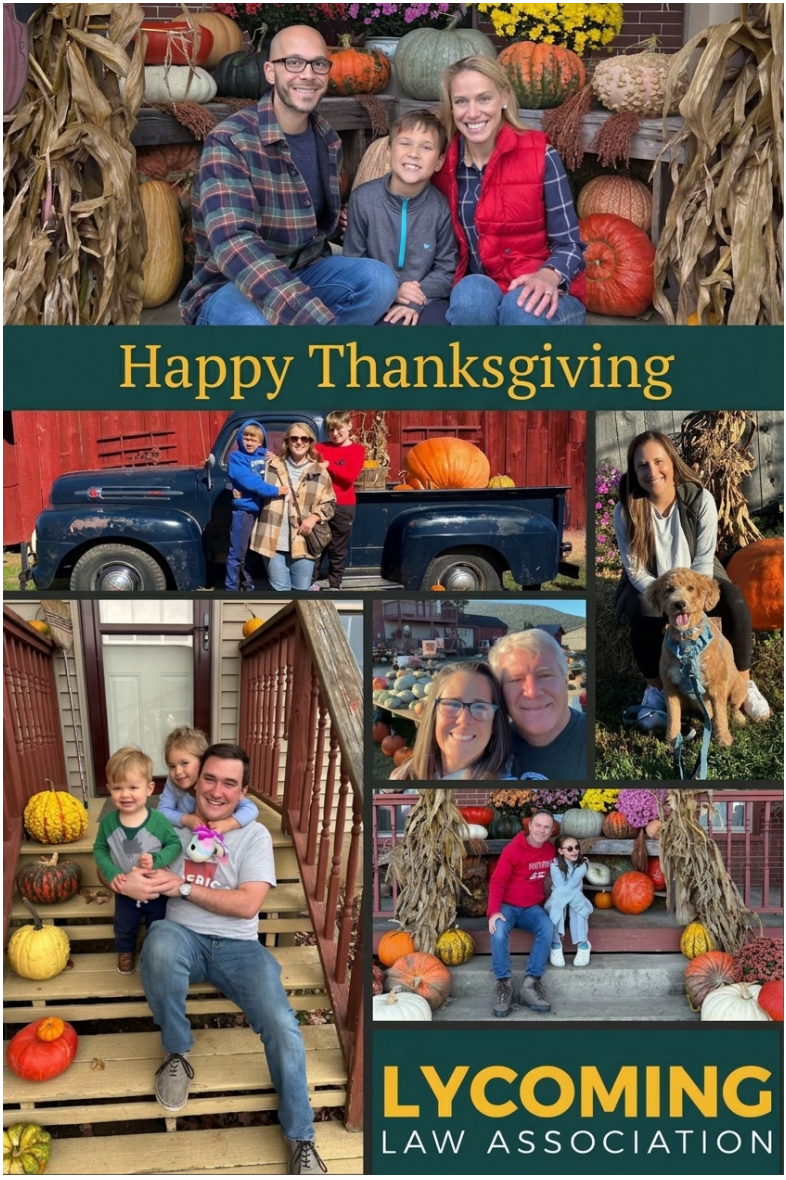
▶**Commonwealth v. Bailey** (10/27/2026)—Judge Eric R. Linhardt
Criminal: Motion to disqualify the death penalty; constitutionality of Pennsylvania's capital punishment statute; imposition of the death penalty exclusively within the province of the jury; due process violation where jury is misled to believe that the ultimate decision regarding whether a defendant will die lies elsewhere; governor's power to suspend execution of death sentence as affecting viability of sentence; equal protection argument based on alleged racist comments by the district attorney in unrelated case; insufficiency of evidence of racial motivation; reasons for disqualification of district attorney where defendant has failed to meet threshold necessary to demonstrate improper prosecutorial bias; discretion of district attorney in enforcing the laws of this Commonwealth. (bailey102726L) (Posted: November 19, 2026)

▶**Commonwealth v. Ade** (11/12/2026)—Judge Ryan C. Gardner
Criminal: Suppression motion; search incident to arrest; plain view exception of fourth amendment, allowing seizure of electronic devices. (ade111226G) (Posted: November 19, 2026)

▶**Commonwealth vs. Colarusso** (11/06/2026)—Judge Ryan M. Tira
Criminal: Post sentence motion; weight and sufficiency of evidence; jury's position evaluate testimony of witnesses, judge credibility of each witness and assign the appropriate weight to testimony. (Colarusso110626t) (Posted: November 19, 2026)

▶**Commonwealth v. Harry** (11/13/2026)—Judge Ryan C. Gardner
Criminal: Suppression motion; timeliness of filing; reasonable suspicion of unlawful activity sufficient to approach and detain defendant; sufficiency of combination of mere presence in high crime area and flight from police to create reasonable suspicion. (harry111326G) (Posted: November 19, 2026)

▶**Commonwealth v. Reitz** (11/16/2026)—Judge William P. Carlucci
Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of the evidence to support official oppression charge, where court appointed attorney is alleged to have engaged in sexual intercourse with his client; conduct considered to be misconduct under the statute; reach of statute beyond those persons commonly thought of as public officials; jury questions. (reitz111626c) (Posted: November 17, 2026)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ANGEL TREE



TO BENEFIT THE SALVATION ARMY
& SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CASA

Now - December 11th

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Lycoming County Courthouse (mailroom)
Casale, Bonner, Hillman, & Southard
Lepley, Engelman, Yaw, & Wilk
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McNerney, Page, Vanderlin, & Hall
Raup & Sholder
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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

Ault, Justin Lewis, dec'd.
Late of Penn Township.
Co-Administrators: Paul M. Ault and Patricia M. Ault, 119 East Wilcox Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorney: Richard G. Scheib, Esquire, 11 Reitz Blvd., Suite 102, Lewisburg, PA 17837-9293.

Bole, Patricia L. a/k/a Patricia L. Davis and Pat Bole, dec'd.
Late of the Township of Lycoming.
Executrix: Rebecca L. Bond, 1009 Apple Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.
Attorney: None.

Fenstermacher, Bradley Kevin, dec'd.
Late of Muncy.
Co-Administrators: Kevin Fenstermacher, 3813 Ardmore Ave., Reading, PA 19605 and Jacob Fenstermacher, 243 Ziegler Road, Leesport, PA 19533.
Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Gray, John R., dec'd.
Late of Pennsdale.
Executor: Rocky K. Statts, 128 Opp Lane, Muncy, PA 17756.
Attorney: John A. Smay, Esquire, 39 South Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Muncy, PA 17756.

Lannan, Gary E., dec'd.
Late of Jersey Shore.
Administratrix: Kaila R. Koon, 1195 River Rd., Jersey Shore, PA 17740.
Attorney: Leroy H. Keiler, Esquire, 110 Oliver Street, Ste. 2, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, (570) 398-2750.

Neville, Maureen T., dec'd.
Late of Montoursville.
Executrix: Francesca M. Neville, 98 Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752.
Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Stryker, Michelle N., dec'd.
Late of Montoursville.
Executor: Woodlands Bank c/o Perciballi & Williams LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorneys: Scott T. Williams, Esquire, Perciballi & Williams LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Vanik, Frances C., dec'd.
Late of Lycoming County.
Executor: James M. Vanik, 1116 Monroe Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754.
Attorneys: Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Waltz, June E., dec'd.
Late of Montoursville.
Executrix: Marcy A. DeLozier, 2234 Chesterfield Drive, Maryville, TN 37803.

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

Zelenski, Joseph C., dec'd.
Late of Montoursville.
Executrix: Barbara A. Pish, 243 Grimesville Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorney: Scott A. Williams, Esquire, 57 East Fourth Street, P.O. Box 3, Williamsport, PA 17703.

SECOND PUBLICATION

Breon, Kenneth H., dec'd.
Late of Jersey Shore.
Executrix: Darlene McKean, 651 Cemetery St., Apt. 9, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.
Attorney: Leroy H. Keiler, Esquire, 110 Oliver Street, Ste. 2, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, (570) 398-2750.

Callenberger, Janet A. a/k/a Janet C. Chiao, dec'd.
Late of Hughesville.
Executrix: Rebecca T. Chiao.
Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Davis, Daniel A., dec'd.
Late of Cogan Station.
Executrix: Stacy M. Lyerly, 1625 Shepherds Glade Drive, Apex, NC 27523.
Attorneys: Blake C. Marks, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Pugliese, Frank, dec'd.
Late of Williamsport.
Co-Executrices: Diane Crisman, 2435 Sheridan Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 and Kathy Kocher, 2434 Waldman Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Scott, John Russell, dec'd.
Late of Williamsport.
Administratrix: Daphne H. Metzger.
Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

THIRD PUBLICATION

Bennett, Les Lee A. a/k/a Leslee Ann Bennett, dec'd.
Late of Muncy Creek Twp.
Executrix: Norma Bennett, 1123 Orange Ave., Tavares, FL 32778.
Attorney: None.

Kropp, Martha Louise, dec'd.
Late of Duboistown.
Executor: Craig S. Kropp.
Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Mowrey, Dolores E., dec'd.
Late of Montoursville.
Executor: Bruce E. Mowrey, 87 Warren Street, Montomery, PA 17752.
Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

REGISTER OF WILLS CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all parties interested that the following Accounts together with all Statements of Proposed Distribution accompanying the same have been filed in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court are presented to the

Orphans' Court of Lycoming County for Confirmation Absolute December 7, 2026 unless exceptions are filed before 5:00 P.M. on that date.

1. Estate of Leroy H. Keiler, III—Tammy R. Getgen, Administratrix.

2. The Wright Family Protector Trust—Evalyn J. Sitler, Trustee.

3. The Wright Family Income Only Protector Trust—Evalyn J. Sitler, Trustee.

4. Estate of Joann R. Wright—Evalyn J. Sitler, Personal Representative.

5. The Wright Family Real Estate Protector Trust—Evalyn J. Sitler, Trustee.

David A. Huffman
Register of Wills

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INTENTION TO CHANGE NAME

In the Court of Common Pleas
of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

NO. CV26-01597

In Re: Name Change of
Paisley Ann Wittig-Ecker
a minor, by Sean Ecker

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2026, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court, praying for a decree changing the name of Paisley Ann Wittig-Ecker to Paisley Ann Ecker.

The Court has fixed December 28, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. in Courtroom number 4 of the Lycoming County Courthouse, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701 as 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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TAX SALE

The Tax Claim Bureau of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, hereby gives notice that it presented a Consolidated Return of Sale to the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania in the case captioned IN RE Lycoming County Tax Claim Bureau, Civil Docket No. CV26-01158, on November 12, 2026, for the Upset Tax Sales of real estate for delinquent taxes held by the Bureau on September 15, 2026, pursuant to notices required by the Real Estate Tax Sale Law. The Court confirmed this return by entering a decree nisi docketed on November 18, 2026 (received by the Tax Claim Bureau on November 20, 2026), which provided for the following:

DECREE NISI

AND NOW, this 16th day of November, 2026, upon consideration of the foregoing Return, and it appearing that the sale herein returned has been regularly conducted under the provisions of the Act of July 7, 1947, P.L. 1368, No. 542, the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, as amended, and upon motion of Austin White, Esquire, Solicitor for the Tax Claim Bureau of Lycoming County;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED that the Return and the sale made on all Properties listed in the foregoing Return in Exhibit "A" and those properties not sold and shown in Exhibit "B," are hereby confirmed Nisi; and that said confirmation will become absolute if no objections are filed within thirty (30) days after this Decree by any owner or lien creditor; a Decree of absolute confirmation shall be entered as of course by the Prothonotary of Lycoming County should there be no objections or exceptions filed to said sales within thirty (30) days after the

date of this Decree Nisi. Upon absolute confirmation the Director is authorized and directed to give deeds in fee simple to the purchasers, their heirs or assigns, for the properties sold for the upset sale price or more as shown in this Return, said deeds to be duly acknowledged before the Prothonotary of Lycoming County by the Director of the Tax Claim Bureau of Lycoming County, and to make distribution of the proceeds of the sale. All deeds shall be delivered to the purchaser(s) for the recording in Lycoming County at the cost of the purchaser. The Director shall publish notice of the Return and this Order in accordance with Section 607(b) of said Act, as amended.

Excepted and excluded from this Decree shall be any Property for which a timely Petition to Set Aside has been filed of record with this Court.

Copies of Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" are available at the Lycoming County Prothonotary's office under Civil Docket No. CV26-01158.

Any owner or lien creditor may file exceptions or objections to the Return no later than thirty (30) days from the date of confirmation nisi. If no exceptions or objections are filed, the Return will be confirmed absolutely.

AUSTIN WHITE, ESQUIRE
McCORMICK LAW FIRM
835 West Fourth Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

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$20,000 via the Joseph Rider Scholarship Fund newly created in 2024 to assist students with tuition costs associated with their enrollment in law school.

Request for Grant Funding should be directed to the LLA Community Activities and Outreach Committee. Information is available on the LLA website at http://www.lycolaw.org/lla-foundation.

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