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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.

- 8/19/2025 – LLA to Little League Game:** *LLA Members are invited to attend a Little League World Series game on August 19 with their guests. Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.*
- 8/20/2025 – LLA/Taber Museum Event: Legal Studies at Local Colleges:** *Sixth of a series of lectures co-sponsored by the Lycoming Law Association and the Taber Museum: Sue Alberti, Penn College (with students), Opportunities for Undergraduate Legal Studies and the Future; and Susan Achury Plaza, Lycoming College (with students), Opportunities for Undergraduate Legal Studies and the Future. Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.*
- 8/25/2025 – Executive Committee Meeting:** *Regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the LLA Executive Committee. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.*
- 8/26/2025 – Criminal Brown Bag Lunch Meeting:** *Regularly scheduled Criminal Committee meeting. All members are invited to attend. Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.*
- 9/14/2025 – PBA Zone 4 Event at Knoebel's:** *Mark your calendars! Details forthcoming. Time: 12:00 PM*

UPCOMING LYCOMING COUNTY CLE OPPORTUNITY

- 8/20/2025 – Eat & Earn—10 Things to be Aware of for Immigrant Clients:** *Hidden Dangers: Top 10 Things for Non-Immigration Lawyers to be Aware of for Immigrant Clients. Presented By: Jody Lantz, DOJ Representative. 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 vs. Spencer** (07/25/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts
Criminal: Suppression motion; reasonable suspicion for vehicle search where there is reasonable belief that drug transaction had occurred in vehicle; probable cause for arrest; attempt to flee police and punching an officer as consciousness of guilt; witness statements supporting drug transaction; habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of evidence of aggravated assault where defendant struck police officer causing injuries to area of eye; sufficiency of evidence of escape and resisting arrest where defendant was under arrest and in the hospital for body cavity search, when he fled the examination area and struggled with officers; prima facie case of delivery of drugs, even though there is no eyewitness testimony; sufficiency of evidence of tampering where defendant pushed cocaine into his rectum. (Spencer072525bt) (Posted: July 29, 2025)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Fogan** (07/18/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts
Criminal: Post conviction relief act petition; ineffective counsel in murder conviction; failure of counsel to object to prosecutor's statement that this is not a death penalty case; lack of prejudice; charge to jury that they should ignore consequences of verdict; overwhelming evidence of guilt; failure to object to agent's helpful narration of surveillance video; propriety of agent's testimony on personal perceptions of evidence; prejudice related to testimony that defendant was identified by probation officer. (Fogan071825bt) (Posted: July 27, 2025)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Spencer** (07/22/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts
Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of evidence of drug delivery where police officer observed hand-to-hand transaction and admission of drug purchaser. (Spencer072225bt) (Posted: July 27, 2025)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Vaughn** (07/21/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts
Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; prima facie evidence of materially false written statement for firearm purchase; defenses of confusion or lack of intent for jury. (Vaughn072125bt) (Posted: July 27, 2025)



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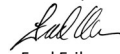
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On July 9, Lycoming County was honored to host three distinguished jurists, Chief Justice Debra Todd (PA Supreme Court), President Judge Anne Lazarus (PA Superior Court), and President Judge Emerita Bonnie Leadbetter (Commonwealth Court), whose trailblazing journeys as women in the legal profession inspired and moved all in attendance. Their stories highlighted the extraordinary perseverance and determination it took to break barriers and pave the way for future generations.



Photo (front row, left to right):

President Judge Nancy Butts, Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas

Chief Justice Debra Todd, PA Supreme Court

President Judge Emerita Bonnie Leadbetter, Commonwealth Court

President Judge Anne Lazarus, PA Superior Court

Photo (back row, left to right):

Judge Ryan Garder, Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Christian Frey, Lycoming County Magisterial District Judge

Judge Eric Linhardt, Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas

Judge William "Skip" Arbuckle, US Magistrate Judge, Retired

Judge William Carlucci, Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas



LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES GAME AUGUST 19TH - 7PM

Group seating at
Lamade Stadium for
LLA Members and
their guests!

COST: \$10/PERSON
REGISTER BY AUGUST 6TH

Each attendee will
receive a LLA Baseball
Pin and an ice cream
concession voucher.



Members may invite two guests to
join! If space permits, additional
guests can be included.

REGISTRATION - August 19th LL Game

Member Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

*If you would like notification regarding additional guests, please mark the box: ☐

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President Judge Emerita Bonnie Leadbetter (Commonwealth Court), President Judge Nancy Butts (Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas), Chief Justice Debra Todd (PA Supreme Court), and President Judge Anne Lazarus (PA Superior Court) seated in front of members of the Lycoming Law Association after a presentation held at the Taber Museum.

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**Houseknecht, Lois June a/k/a L. June Houseknecht, dec'd.**

Late of the Borough of Montoursville.

Executrix: Judy A. Kim.

Attorneys: Jaime M. Leon, Esquire, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, 413 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Niklaus, Doris I. a/k/a Doris Irene Niklaus, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Fairfield.

Executrix: Sandra Niklaus Eck, 2669 Rt. 864 Hwy., Montoursville, PA 17754.

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

Shaner, Gerald D., dec'd.

Late of Hughesville.

Co-Executrices: Gail D. Shaner, 5606 Route 220 Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737-8904 and Susan M. Shaner, 10503 Pot Spring Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030-3029.

Attorneys: John A. Smay, Esquire, Williams and Smay, 39 S. Main St., P.O. Box 35, Muncy, PA 17756.

SECOND PUBLICATION**Clark, Denise M., dec'd.**

Late of Montoursville.

Executor: Richard T. Clark, 452 Meadowview Dr., Montoursville, PA 17754.

Attorneys: John J. Warring, Esquire, O'Malley & Perry P.C., 345 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, (570) 348-3711.

Kirkwood, William L., dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.

William L. Kirkwood Income Only Trust, dated March 25, 2022.

Trustees: Pamela E. White, 352 Pine Street, Jersey Shore, PA 17740 and Barbara A. VanEmon, 336 Glover Street, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

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

Knecht, Alfred C., dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.

Co-Executors: Keith A. Knecht and Wilfred K. Knecht 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.

Shick, Dale Allen, Sr. a/k/a Dale A.

Shick and Dale Shick, dec'd.

Late of McHenry Township.

Administratrix: Susan K. Zoeller, 486 Sunrise Drive, Leechburg, PA 15656.

Attorneys: Justin K. Houser, Esquire, Coploff, Ryan & Houser, 136 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745.

Sponenberg, Allen L., I., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.

Administrator: Allen L. Sponenberg, II, 410 Burke St., Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Attorney: Leroy H. Keiler, III, Esquire, 110 Oliver Street, Ste. 2, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, (570) 398-2750.

Straub, Joan Apgar a/k/a Joan Ellen Apgar, dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.

Administratrix: Janet A. Tootell, 1129 1st Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Attorneys: Daniel F. Monahan, Esquire, Brandywine Estate and Elder Law, 535 N. Church Street, Suite 170, West Chester, PA 19380.

Ulmer, Barbara A., dec'd.

Late of Trout Run.

Executor: Matthew P. Bower.

Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Ulmer, Barbara A., dec'd.

Late of Trout Run.

The Barbara A. Ulmer Irrevocable Trust, dated November 21, 2019.

Trustee: Susan M. Bower.

Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Worthington, Howard L., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Fairfield.

Administrator: Devon Worthington, 1778 Mordan Hollow Road, Unityville, PA 17774.

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

THIRD PUBLICATION

Butters, Donald W., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Executrix: Barbara S. Hoover, 202 Grove St., S. Williamsport, PA 17702.

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

Eiswerth, Lawrence R., dec'd.

Late of South Williamsport.

Co-Executors: Melissa A. Baier, 1218 Faxon Parkway, Williamsport, PA 17701 and Christopher L. Eiswerth, 420 Lowe Street, Williamsport, PA 17702.

Attorneys: Anthony J. Grieco, Esquire, Elion & Grieco, P.C., 125 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Muller, Ann M., dec'd.

Late of Loyalsock Township.

Personal Representative: Dean P. Muller, 1214 Bonair Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorney: Douglas C. Loviscky, Esquire, 1500 West College Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

Shipman, Gerald G., Sr., dec'd.

Late of Montoursville Borough.

Executor: Gary E. Shipman.

Attorneys: Blake C. Marks, Esquire Lepley, Engelman, Yaw & Wilk, LLC, 140 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Steele, Anna M., dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.

Executrix: Michelle Deuel 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.

Stubler, Joan F., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.

Executrix: Amy L. Buffington, 250 Quaker Hill Road, Cogan Station, PA 17728.

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

Walker, William L., dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.

Co-Administrators: James R. Walker,
39 High Street, Beech Creek, PA
16822 and Joseph A. Walker, 110
Whitman Circle, Pleasant Gap, PA
16823.

Attorneys: C. Rocco Rosamilia,
Esquire, The Rosamilia Law Firm,
241 West Main Street, Lock Haven,
PA 17745.

**INTENTION TO
CHANGE NAME**

In the Court of Common Pleas
of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

No. AD-2025-6968

In re: Name Change of
DAVID MICHEAL HOPFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
June 20, 2025, a petition was filed in the
above named court, requesting a decree
changing the name of David Micheal
Hopfer to David Michael Otterbein.
The Court has fixed September 5, 2025
at 4:30 P.M. in Courtroom 5, of the
Lycoming County Courthouse, 48 West
Third Street, Williamsport, PA as the
time and place for the hearing for said
petition, when and where all persons
interested may appear and show cause
why the request should not be granted.

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SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

In The Court of Common Pleas of
Lycoming County, Pennsylvania
Civil Division

No. 2025-00955

In the Matter of Malcolm S. Mussina,
a Temporarily Suspended Attorney
Attorney Registration No. 7606

NOTICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP

Pursuant to an Order dated July 10,
2025, Julieanne E. Steinbacher, Esq., was
appointed as Conservator for the files
of Malcolm S. Mussina, a Temporarily
Suspended Attorney.

If you believe the Law Office of
Malcolm S. Mussina is holding monies
that belong to you, please contact the
Conservator immediately. Any monies
remaining in the accounts of Mr.
Malcolm S. Mussina may be paid over
to the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for
Client Security.

If you are a current or former client,
please contact the Conservator's Office
at (570) 322-2077 within 45 days to
retrieve your files. All unclaimed files
will be destroyed in accordance with
Rule 322 of the Pennsylvania Rules of
Disciplinary Enforcement.

If you are in need of substitute counsel,
you can contact the Pennsylvania
Bar Association at (800) 692-7375 or
visit the Lycoming County Law Association
website at lycolaw.org/lawyer-search to find an attorney.

**JULIEANNE E. STEINBACHER,
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