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

► **Commonwealth vs. Kolasa** (12/22/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of evidence that the arrest was lawful to support resisting arrest charge; suppression motion; authority of parole officers, who were lawfully present, to access common areas of an apartment, and thereby observe drug paraphernalia and marijuana in plain view; reasonable suspicion to detain defendant for suspicious and threatening movements. (Kolasa122225bt) (Posted: December 29, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Ruley** (12/26/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of evidence of child endangerment where defendant was merely holding his 2-year-old child during an encounter with police and when he left the child unattended; permitting lesser included charges to be charged separately; evidence of course of conduct where there were several incidents of violence toward a child, during same episode; chargeable course of conduct including both physical and emotional injury; viewing evidence in light most favorable to the prosecution when determining a habeas corpus motion; sufficiency of evidence of reckless endangerment where younger child was endangered by defendant's continuing to attack older child while younger child attempted to intervene; dismissal of mischarged harassment count; factual issues for jury; evidence of public, violent activity and loud threats sufficient to support disorderly conduct charges. (Ruley122625bt) (Posted: December 29, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Best** (12/29/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Motion to sever cases involving offenses occurring on different dates; admissibility of multiple offenses as proof of a common plan or scheme, identity and absence of mistake or accident; prejudice; habeas corpus petition; sufficiency of evidence to support unlawful contact with minor where there was no evidence that defendant engaged in any enumerated offenses; sufficiency of evidence of furnishing alcohol to minor where there was proof of consumption of alcoholic beverages and there is no requirement of proof of percent of alcohol in the beverage; sufficiency of evidence of child pornography where videos showed naked minors; suppression motion; waiver of issues related to breadth of search warrant for lack of specificity (Best122925bt) (Posted: December 29th 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Gibson** (12/29/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Suppression motion; Miranda issue; investigative detention not constituting arrest or custodial detention; reasonable suspicion based on reports of gun possession; admissibility of volunteered or spontaneous utterances. (Gibson122925bt) (Posted: December 29, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Ivey** (12/26/2025)—Judge Nancy L. Butts

Criminal: Post-conviction relief act petition; waiver of claims and defenses by guilty plea; waiver of claim that attorney refused to follow his instructions by written acknowledgment that defendant was satisfied with the representation. (Ivey122625bt) (Posted: December 29, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. McGarvey** (12/23/2025)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Criminal: Habeas corpus petition; prima facie case for home improvement fraud where construction contract was not completed; intent to defraud; inability of court to consider weight or credibility of the testimony or evidence presented. (McGarvey122325t) (Posted: December 23, 2025)

► **CDH Adoption** (12/23/2025)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Adoption: Petition for involuntary termination of parental rights; parent demonstrates settled purpose to relinquish parental claim to child or fails to perform parental duties for at least six months; lack of contact in the context of PFA order and repeated misunderstandings and miscommunications on exercise of custody; failure to perform parental responsibilities explained by ongoing custody dispute; best interests of the child. (AdoptionCDH122325t) (Posted: December 23, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Cunningham** (12/23/2025)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Criminal: Prima facie case of possession with intent to deliver drugs based on hearsay information from an informant, purchaser of drugs; probable cause for search warrant based on informant's information where reliability of informant is challenged; severance of firearms charges. (Cunningham122325t) (Posted: December 23, 2025)

► **Commonwealth vs. Rector** (12/23/2025)—Judge Ryan M. Tira

Criminal: Post conviction relief act petition; timeliness; knowing, intelligent, and voluntary plea of no contest; review of record of guilty plea colloquy. (Rector122325t) (Posted: December 23, 2025)

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**Bickel, Robert L. a/k/a Robert L.**

Bickel, Sr., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.

Executor: Robert L. Bickel, Jr. c/o Malee Law Firm, P.C., 310 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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Converse, Carol A., dec'd.

Late of Muncy.

Executor: Luke T. Converse, 257 Aderhold Drive, Hughesville, PA 17737.

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

Ertel, Joseph R., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

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

Ginter, Mary B. a/k/a Mary Ginter,
dec'd.

Late of Trout Run.

Co-Executor and Co-Executrix: Jeffrey D. Grube and Ruth Ann Grube, 504 Blair Street, Punxsutawney, PA 15767.

Attorneys: Jessica L. Fisher, Esquire, McQuaide Blasko, Gateway Centre, 601 Hawthorne Drive, Suite 2A, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**Gulliver, Laverne H. a/k/a Vern
Gulliver**, dec'd.

Late of Montgomery.

Administratrix: Janis L. Miller, 5354 Route 15 Hwy., 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.

**Hauser, Dawn M. Allen a/k/a Dawn
Allen Hauser**, dec'd.

Late of Susquehanna Township.

Executrix: Regina S. Bouse c/o Lugg and Lugg Law Office, P.O. Box 905, Lock Haven, PA 17745.

Attorneys: Lugg and Lugg Law Office, P.O. Box 905, Lock Haven, PA 17745.

Kramer, Anna M., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.

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Attorney: Mark L. Taylor, Esquire, 25 W. Third Street, Suite 701, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 320-7100.

Merrick, Daniel L., dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.

Executrix: Connie L. Brophy.

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

Story, Susan Y. a/k/a Susan Potter

Story, dec'd.

Late of Muncy Twp.

Executors: Julie Ann Story and Craig Randell Story c/o Denise M. Cordes, Esq., 27 S. State St., Newtown, PA 18940.

Attorneys: Denise M. Cordes, Esquire, Cordes Law LLC, 27 S. State St., Newtown, PA 18940.

Talada, David D., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Montoursville. Executrix: Denise E. Andrew, 29 Leuck Drive, Cogan Station, PA 17728.

Attorneys: Andrea P. Pulizzi, Esquire, Carpenter, Harris & Flayhart, 128 South Main Street, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Taylor, Arnold D., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Hepburn. Executrix: Grace I. Taylor c/o McCormick Law Firm, 835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Elizabeth A. White, Esquire, McCormick Law Firm, 835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

SECOND PUBLICATION

Bergerstock, Jane Ellen a/k/a Jane H. Bergerstock a/k/a Jane Bergerstock a/k/a Jane H. Reed and Jane H. Reed Bergerstock, dec'd.

Late of 2674 Haas Lane, Montoursville.

Executor: Mark A. Reed.

Attorneys: Matthew E. Turowski, Esquire, Hill, Turowski, James & Lehman, LLP, 38 West Third Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Figlo, Doris J., dec'd.

Late of the City of Hughesville.

Executors: Nicholas R. Figlo, Jr., David W. Figlo and Suzanne M. Figlo.

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

Reams, Marshall Ray a/k/a M. Ray Reams, dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Duboistown. Administrator: Shawn Reams, 84 Overhill Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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

Snyder, John Larue, dec'd.

Late of Muncy. Administrator: Wesley A. Snyder, 108 VanHorn Blvd., Muncy, PA 17756.

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THIRD PUBLICATION

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Late of Muncy.

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

Doebler, Michelle M., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.

Administrator: Richard Doebler c/o Perciballi & Williams LLC, 429 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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

Franklin, Gary R., Sr., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.

Executrix: Nichole L. Franklin c/o Bradley S. Hillman, Esquire, Casale, Bonner, Hillman & Southard, P.C., 331 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Bradley S. Hillman, Esquire, Casale, Bonner, Hillman & Southard, P.C., 331 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Haas, Charles J., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.
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Lawrence, Richard, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
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Attorneys: Patricia A. Shipman, Esquire, Susquehanna Law Group, Inc., 25 W. Third St., #300, Williamsport, PA 17701.

McCracken, Jack Phillip, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
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Poage, Raymond D., Sr. a/k/a Douglas Poage, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Cogan House.
Administrator: Mark A. Poage, 693 Steam Valley Road, Trout Run, PA 17771.
Attorney: Paul A. Roman, Esquire, 1700 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Riegel, Gladys M. a/k/a Gladys Marilyn Riegel and Gladys Riegel, dec'd.

Late of Unityville.
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Attorneys: C. Brian Crane, Esquire, Crane Law, PC, 238 Market Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Rupert, Duane E., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.
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Attorneys: Larry E. Coploff, Esquire, Coploff, Ryan & Houser, 136 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745.

Sharar, Susan N., dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.
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**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 February 3, 2026 unless exceptions are filed before 5:00 P.M. on that date.

I. Sherwood, Donna K., Irrevocable Trust—Trust, Charlotte Dudek, Trustee.
David A. Huffman
Register of Wills

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