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ESTATE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary or of administration have been granted to the following estates. All persons indebted to said estates are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the administrators or executors named.

Third Publication

FRANCES BELL, a/k/a FRANCES LA BELLA, late of Uniontown, Fayette County, PA

Executor: Harold Bell (3) c/o Webster & Webster 51 East South Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Webster & Webster

VINCENT CAPOZZA, late of Masontown,

Fayette County, PA (3)

Administratrix: Rebecca Capozza c/o Pratt Law Offices, LLC 223 East High Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 Attorney: Kimberly Simon-Pratt

DENNIS J. CARINI, late of Belle Vernon

Borough, Fayette County, PA (3)

Executrix: Chelsea Carini
71 Sampson Street
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
c/o 823 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Attorney: Mark E. Ramsier

NANCY J. DEMARK, late of Fairchance,

Fayette County, PA (3)

Executor: Charles Enos, III
c/o 815A Memorial Boulevard
Connellsville, PA 15425
Attorney: Margaret Zylka House

ALFRED E. DUBOIS, JR., late of South

Union Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Executrix: Renee L. DuBois
c/o Webster & Webster
51 East South Street
Uniontown, PA 15041
Attorney: Webster & Webster

ALBERTA J. GALLIK, a/k/a ALBERTA JEAN GALLIK, late of Grindstone, Fayette County, PA (3)

Personal Representative: Alicia M. Johnson c/o Davis & Davis 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attornev: Michael A. Aubele

TEDDY FRANK LACH, late of Luzerne

Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Personal Representative: Gary Ciesielczyk
c/o Davis & Davis
107 East Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
Attorney: Jeremy J. Davis

CATHERINE E. REGETS, a/k/a CATHERINE REGETS, late of South Union

Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Executrix: Judith R. Queen
c/o Zebley Mehalov & White, P.C.
18 Mill Street Square
Attorney: Mark M. Mehalov

TIMOTHY RAY RITENOUR, a/k/a TIMOTHY RITENOUR, late of Melcroft,

Fayette County, PA (3)

Administratrix: Joyce Ritenour
1731 Indian Creek Valley Road
Melcroft, PA 15462
c/o Nakles and Nakles
1714 Lincoln Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650
Attorney: Ryan P. Cribbs

JOAN P. SCHAFER, late of South Union Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Administrator: Gregory L Schafer, Sr. c/o 11 Pittsburgh Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
Attorney: Thomas W. Shaffer

DOLORES A. SERINKO, late of Perryopolis

Borough, Fayette County, PA (3)

Executor: Regis Serinko, Jr.

124 Cambridge Lane

Bellefonte, PA 16823

c/o 823 Broad Avenue

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Attorney: Mark R. Ramsier

DAVID S. THOMAS, late of Smock, Fayette

County, PA (3)

Executrix: Betty L. Kashuba

P.O. Box 113

Waltersburg, PA 15488

c/o Radcliffe Law, LLC

648 Morgantown Road, Suite B

Uniontown, PA 15401

Attorney: William M. Radcliffe

Second Publication

LARRY R. MARKER, late of Bullskin

Township, Fayette County, PA (2)

Co-Executors: Jarrad R. Marker and

Shawnee L. Smith

c/o Proden & O'Brien

99 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

Attorney: Wendy L. O'Brien

MARGARET MAST, late Belle Vernon,

Fayette County, PA (2)

Executrix: Carol Lynn Rhodes

205 Water Street

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

c/o Nathan J. Zarichnak & Associates, LLC

601 ½ Broad Avenue

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Attorney: Nathan Zarichnak

JAMES E. OLESKO, late of Redstone

Township, Fayette County, PA (2)

Personal Representatives:

Anthony J. Olesko and John Olesko, Sr.

c/o Davis and Davis

107 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15041

Attorney: James T. Davis

KRISTIN YUCHA, a/k/a KRISTIN L.

YUCHA, late of Masontown Borough, Fayette

County, PA (2)

Administrator: Michael E. Yucha, Jr.

c/o John & John

96 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

Attorney: Anne N. John

First Publication

DEBORAH ANN CHURILLA, late of North

Union Township, Fayette County, PA (1)

Personal Representative:

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107 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Jeremy J. Davis

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Attorney: James T. Davis

WILLIAM SAYREJOHN SAYRE, JR. a/k/a JOHN W. SAYRE, JR., late of Perryopolis

Borough, Fayette County, PA (1)

Co-Executrix: Amy Margaret Stillwagon and Karen Ohler 240 Porter Road Rostraver Township, PA 15012 c/o 823 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, PA 15012 Attorney: Mark E. Ramsier

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: Everyone who signed an oil and gas lease with Chief Exploration and Development, LLC, ("Chief") between August 1, 2008 and October 30, 2008, in which Jim Maguire and Western Land Services Inc. were or purported to be landmen for Chief and Chief rejected the oil and gas leases.

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

The Court on September 1, 2022, preliminarily approved the settlement of a class action in Moore v. Chief Exploration & Development, LLC, No. 2737 of 2011, in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The lawsuit is on behalf of everyone who signed an oil and gas lease described above and who was not paid the bonus amount. The lawsuit claims that Chief did not properly reject the leases. Chief denies the claims in the lawsuit and denies any and all liability, but it has agreed to the settlement to avoid the costs and uncertainties of further litigation.

Chief has agreed to pay \$5,500,000 (the "Settlement Funds") to the settlement class to resolve the litigation. The Court must find that the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If the settlement is approved and you are a class member, you will be entitled to a payment from the Settlement Funds.

You have the right to remain in the settlement class and receive money. If you do not want to participate, you may exclude yourself by mailing or faxing a letter on or before October 21, 2022. You can also object to the settlement if you do not like some part of it by mailing or delivering a written objection by October 21, 2022.

<u>Instructions are contained in the detailed mail</u> <u>notice</u>. Your rights and whether you are in the settlement class are defined in the mail notice.

The final approval hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement and to determine whether to award attorneys' fees and costs will be held at 9:30 a.m., on December 1, 2022 before the Hon. Steve P. Leskinen, Courtroom No. 1, Fayette County Courthouse, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Chief has agreed not to oppose a request for attorneys' fees of up to 1/3 of the Settlement Funds. Anyone who wishes to appear and be heard orally must comply with all requirements in the mail notice.

This notice is only a summary. To obtain more complete information by getting a copy of the mail notice, contact co-counsel for the settlement class, James S. Lederach, at 201 North Chestnut Street, Scottdale, PA 15683, (724) 887-3600, or visit the website www.MooreSettlementFund.com. You may also contact lead class counsel, David A. Borkovic, at Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace LLP, 20 Stanwix Street, Suite 1100, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 261-6400. Do Not Contact the Court for Information.

NOTICE OF SALE

Bankruptcy Sale In Re: Barry & Brenda Donaldson Case No. 21-21435 Residential Property Located at 311 W. Fayette Street Connellsville, PA 15425 Listing Price \$62,000.00, higher and Better offers are accepted Sale to be held: October 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM Courtroom B, 54th Floor U.S. Steel Tower, 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219-ZOOM HEARING AVAILABLE Objections to the sale are due by September 22, Contact: Paul W. McElrath, Esquire 1641 Saw Mill Run Boulevard Pittsburgh, PA 15210 (412)-765-3606 Paulm@mcelrathlaw.com For information: www.pawb.uscourts.gov/ Electronic-access-sales-information EASI# 1795

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION - LAW ACTION TO QUIET TITLE No. 1038 of 2021 G.D. JUDGE JOSEPH M. GEORGE, JR.

DENNIS BURKETT, JR., Plaintiff,

v.

RAFFORD WINAUGHT, III and ROSEMARY WINAUGHT, his wife, their successors, heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, generally.

Defendants.

TO: RAFFORD WINAUGHT, III and ROSEMARY WINAUGHT, his wife, their heirs, successors and assigns, generally,

You are hereby notified that Dennis Burkett, Jr. has filed a complaint at the above number and term in the above-mentioned court in an action to quiet title wherein it is alleged that he is the owner in possession of that certain lot of land situate in North Union Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania having a mailing address of 115 Seamans Road, Lemont Furnace, Pennsylvania.

Title to the above described property was conveyed to Rafford Winaught, III and Rosemary Winaught, his wife, by a deed from Barbara A. Franke and Bruce J. Franke, her husband, being recorded at the Recorder of Deeds Office at Record Book 3188, Page 2150.

Said complaint sets forth that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the above-described premises. The complaint was filed for the purpose of barring all of your right, title, and interest, or claim in and to all or a portion of said premises.

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claim set forth in the complaint and in the within advertisement, you must take action within twenty (20) days after the last advertisement of this notice by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claim set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a judgment may entered against

you by the court without further notice or any money claimed in the complaint, or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS NOTICE TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GOT TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER REFERRAL 100 SOUTH STREET P.O. BOX 186 HARRISBURG, PA 17108 1-800-932-0311

By Jason F. Adams, Esq. Adams & Adams 55 E. Church Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 437-2711 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP BY: CHRISTOPHER A. DeNARDO, PA I.D. NO. 78447 ELIZABETH L. WASSALL, PA I.D. NO. 77788 LESLIE J. RASE, PA I.D. NO. 58365 SAMANTHA GABLE, PA I.D. NO. 320695 HEATHER RILOFF, PA I.D. NO. 309906 3600 HORIZON DRÍVE, SUITE 150 KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406 TELEPHONE: (610)278-6800 F_{-} MAIL: PAHELP@LOGS.COM LLG FILE NO. 22-066726 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF VS. Sydney Summers, known Heir of Michelle K. Micholas, deceased; C.B., minor, known Heir of Michelle K. Micholas, deceased; E.B., minor, known Heir of Michelle K. Micholas, deceased; and Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or under Michelle K. Micholas. DEFENDANTS COURT deceased COMMON PLEAS CIVIL DIVISION FAYETTE COUNTY NO: 2022-00914 To the Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or under Michelle K. Micholas, deceased: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Plaintiff, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper has filed an action in Quiet Title, as captioned above. NOTICE IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND, YOU MUST ENTER A WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY OR BY ATTORNEY AND FILE YOUR DEFENSE OR OBJECTIONS WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO THE CASE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE PLAINTIFF. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR OR OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS NOTICE TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION YOU WITH **ABOUT** AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A OR REDUCED **FEE** NO FEE. SOUTHWESTERN PA LEGAL SERVICES 45 EAST MAIN STREET UNIONTOWN, PA 15401 724-439-3591 800-846-0871 (toll free)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FAYETTE COUNTY. **PENNSYLVANIA** KeyBank, NA, s/b/m First Niagara Bank, NA Plaintiff, vs. David Richard Clark, Jr., as believed Heir and/or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark; John Michael Clark, as believed Heir and/or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark: Unknown Heirs and/or Administrators to the Estate of Janice Clark. AKA Janice K. Clark Defendants. CIVIL DIVISION Docket No.: 2022-00079 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 3129 TO: Unknown Heirs and/or Administrators to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark 570 Coolspring Street Uniontown, PA 15401 TAKE NOTICE: That the Sheriff's Sale of Real Property (Real Estate) will be offered for public auction online https://fayette.pa.realforeclose.com November 17, 2022 at 2:00PM prevailing local time. THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD is delineated in detail in a legal description consisting of a statement of the measured boundaries of the property, together with a brief mention of the buildings and any other major improvements erected on the land. (SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A"). The LOCATION of your property to be sold is: 570 Coolspring Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 The JUDGMENT under or pursuant to which your property is being sold is docketed to: No. 2022-00079 THE NAME(S) OF THE OWNER(S) OR REPUTED OWNER (S) OF THIS PROPERTY ARE: David Richard Clark, Jr., as believed Heir and/or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark; John Michael Clark, as believed Heir and/ or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark; Unknown Heirs and/or Administrators to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark A SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION, being a list of the persons and/or governmental or corporate entities or agencies being entitled to receive part of the proceeds of the sale received and to be disbursed by the Sheriff (for example to banks that hold mortgages and municipalities that are owed taxes), will be filed by the Sheriff thirty (30) days after the sale, and distribution of the proceeds of sale in accordance with this schedule will, in fact, be made unless someone objects by filing exceptions to it, within ten (10) days of the date it is filed. Information about the Schedule of Distribution may be obtained from the Sheriff of the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, at the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. THIS PAPER IS A NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY. It has been issued because there is a Judgment against you. It may cause your property to be held, to be sold or taken to pay the Judgment. You may have legal rights to prevent your property from being taken. A lawyer can advise you more specifically of these rights. If you wish to exercise your rights, you must act promptly. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET FREE LEGAL ADVICE. Referral Pennsylvania Lawver Service Pennsylvania Bar Association P.O. Box 186 Harrisburg, PA 17108 (800) 692-7375 THE LEGAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ARE: 1. You may file a petition with the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County to open the Judgment if you have a meritorious defense against the person or company that has entered judgment against you. You may also file a petition with the same Court if you are aware of a legal defect in the obligation or the procedure used against you. 2. After the Sheriff's Sale, you may file a petition with the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County to set aside the sale for a grossly inadequate price or for other proper cause. This petition must be filed before the Sheriff's Deed is delivered. 3. A petition or petitions raising the legal issues or rights mentioned in the preceding paragraphs must be presented to the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County. The petition must be served on the attorney for the creditor or on the creditor before presentation to the Court and a proposed order or rule must be attached to the petition. If a specific return date is desired, such date must be obtained from the Court Administrator's Office, Fayette County Courthouse, 61 East Main Street. Uniontown. PA 15401, before presentation of the petition to the Court. Dated: 6/21/22 Kimberly J. Hong, Esquire (74950) Manley Deas Kochalski LLC P. O. Box 165028 Columbus, OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220 Fax: 614-220-5613

Email: kjhong@manleydeas.com Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of the below stated writs out of the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the following described properties will be exposed to sale by James Custer, Sheriff of Fayette County, Pennsylvania on Thursday November 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm at https://fayette.pa.realforeclose.com.

The Conditions of sale are as follows:

All bidders must complete the Realauction on-line registration process at https://fayette.pa.realforeclose.com to participate in the auction.

All bidders must place a 10% deposit equal to the successful bid for each property purchased to Realauction via wire transfer or ACH. Upon the auction's close, buyer shall have 10 business days to pay the remaining balance to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office via cashier's check. No cash will be accepted. Failure to comply with the Conditions of Sale, shall result in a default and the down payment shall be forfeited by the successful bidder and applied to the costs and judgments. The schedule of distribution will be filed no later than 30 days after the sale of real property. If no petition has been filed to set aside the sale or objections to the distribution are filed within 10 days of filing the distribution, the Sheriff will prepare and record a deed transferring the property to the successful bidder. (1 of 3)

> James Custer Sheriff of Fayette County

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1400 Philadelphia, PA 19109 (215) 790-1010

> No. 2196 of 2021, G.D. No. 131 of 2022, E.D.

Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC Plaintiff

v. Carolyn Allen Defendant

All that certain piece or parcel or Tract of land situate in Redstone Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and being known as 237 Filbert Orient Road, Cardale, Pennsylvania 15420.

Being known as: 237 Filbert Orient Road, Cardale, Pennsylvania 15420

Title vesting in Earl Allen Jr. and Carolyn J. Allen, husband and wife by deed from EARL ALLEN, JR. dated August 21, 2013 and recorded September 3, 2013 in Deed Book 003230, Page 0140 Instrument Number 201300010721. The said Earl Allen Jr. died on February 14, 2017 thereby vesting title in his surviving spouse Carolyn J. Allen by operation of law

Tax Parcel Number: 30-27-0043 & 30-27-0044

No. 79 of 2022, G.D. No. 136 of 2022, E.D.

KeyBank, NA, s/b/m First Niagara Bank, NA Plaintiff,

VS.

David Richard Clark, Jr., as believed Heir and/or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark; John Michael Clark, as believed Heir and/or Administrator to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark; Unknown Heirs and/or Administrators to the Estate of Janice Clark, AKA Janice K. Clark Defendants.

ALL that certain parcel of land lying and being situate in the Township of North Union, County of Fayette, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as 570 Coolspring Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 having erected thereon a dwelling house.

Being known and designated as Tax ID No.: 25-47-0088

BEING the same premises which Louise Gregor Silbaugh and John W. Silbaugh, her husband, Dolores A. Gregor, single, and Robert J. Gregor, single, by Deed dated July 10, 1973 and recorded in and for Fayette County, Pennsylvania in Deed Book 1150, Page 337, granted and conveyed unto David R. Clark and Janice K. Clark, his wife.

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1400 Philadelphia, PA 19109 (215) 790-1010

> No. 562 of 2022, G.D. No. 162 of 2022, E.D.

Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC Plaintiff v. Diane Hillen Defendant

All that certain piece or parcel or Tract of land situate in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and being known as 9 Bedner Lane, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania 15473.

Being known as: 9 Bedner Lane, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania 15473

Title vesting in Diane Hillen by deed from Diane Hillen dated March 7, 2007 and recorded May 3, 2007 in Deed Book 3024, Page 407.

Tax Parcel Number: 17050046

Matthew C. Failings, Esquire Stern & Eisenberg, PC 1581 Main Street, Suite 200 The Shops at Valley Square Warrington, PA 18976 Phone: (215) 572-8111

No. 1532 of 2013, G.D. No. 153 of 2022, E.D.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but Solely as the Trustee for the Brougham Fund I Trust

Susan Carol Johnson and Robert W. Johnson

By virtue of Writ of Execution No. 1532 of 2013 GD

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but Solely as the Trustee for the

Brougham Fund I Trust v. Susan Carol Johnson and Robert W. Johnson, 694 Woodside Oldframe Road fka R.D. 2 Box 337 A, Nicholson Township, Smithfield, PA 15478, Tax Parcel No. 24-05-0009. Improvements thereon consisting of a Residential Dwelling, sold to satisfy judgment in the amount of \$106.505.54.

KML LAW GROUP, P.C. Suite 5000 701 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532 (215) 627-1322

No. 1599 of 2018, G.D. No. 160 of 2022, E.D.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC 5151 Corporate Drive Troy, MI 48098 Plaintiff

BRYAN K. KELLY
Mortgagor(s) and Record Owner(s)
514 Washington Street aka
514 Washington Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Defendant(s)

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OF LAND SITUATE IN BOROUGH OF BELLE VERNON, COUNTY OF FAYETTE AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

BEING KNOWN AS: 514 WASHINGTON STREET AKA 514 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BELLE VERNON, PA 15012

TAX PARCEL #01-04-0065 AND O1-04-0226

IMPROVEMENTS: A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: BRYAN K. KELLY

ATTORNEY: KML LAW GROUP, P.C.

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1400 Philadelphia, PA 19109 (215) 790-1010

> No. 985 of 2022, G.D. No. 170 of 2022, E.D.

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff

Ronald Kenny, Administrator d.b.n.c.t.a. of the Estate of Eugene Stanley Edwards Defendant

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF UNIONTOWN, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND BEING KNOWN AS 28 MAPLE STREET, UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 15401.

BEING KNOWN AS: 28 MAPLE STREET, UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 15401

VESTING IN **EUGENE** TITLE STANLEY EWARDS BY DEED FROM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE OF UNIONTOWN DATED DECEMBER 21,2011 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 2011 IN DEED BOOK 3173, PAGE 64 INSTRUMENT NUMBER 201100015335. CORRECTIVE DEED IS RECORDED ON 03/05/2012, IN BOOK 3180, PAGE 1430, INSTRUMENT 201200003536. THE SAID EUGENE STANLEY EWARDS DIED ON JANUARY 22, 2021, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WERE GRANTED TO RONALD KENNY, NOMINATING AND APPOINTING HIM AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE STANLEY EWARDS.

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 38040257

No. 1873 of 2019, G.D. No. 137 of 2022, E.D.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

Kimberly Mackey, AKA Kimberly D. Mackey, AKA Kim Mackey Defendant.

ALL that certain parcel of land lying and being situate in the Township of Redstone, County of Fayette, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as 10 Kennedy Street, Republic, PA 15475 having erected thereon a dwelling house.

Being known and designated as Tax ID No.: 30-26-0003

BEING the same premises which Deborah Harmen, also known as Deborah Harman, by Deed dated February 20, 2004 and recorded in and for Fayette County, Pennsylvania in Deed Book 2896, Page 788, granted and conveyed unto Kimberly Mackey.

No. 131 of 2022, G.D. No. 138 of 2022, E.D.

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. PLAINTIFF VS.

Joshua J. Monosky and Krystal L. Monosky DEFENDANTS

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of South Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 371 in Plan of Lots laid out by Connellsville Extension company, said Plan being recorded in the Recorder's Office of Fayette County in Plan Book Volume 1, page 114 and 115, and said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Fronting 40 feet on the west side of Second Street and extending back of equal width 120 feet to a twenty-foot alley, bounded on the North by Lot No. 370 and on the South by Lot No. 372 in said Plan.

There is also hereby conveyed all Grantors interest in and to Lot 370 in Block 20 of said Connellsville Extension Company Plan, South Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania PARCEL# 33-07-0098

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: Being known as 2216 Second Street, Connellsville, PA 15425

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2216 Second Street, South Connellsville, PA 15425

TAX PARCEL NO. 33-07-0098

No. 975 of 2022, G.D. No. 161 of 2022, E.D.

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY,

PLAINTIFF

VS.

MARY ANN MYERS, DEFENDANT

ALL those certain lots of land in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, known as Lot Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Frank Lutkowska Plan of Lots, Fayette Plan Book No. 4, page 135.

HAVING THEREON ERECTED DWELLING KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS: 14 LONG STREET, McCLELLANDTOWN, PA 15458.

TAX PARCEL#: 15-25-0066 FAYETTE DEED BOOK 2932, PAGE

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JUDICIAL OPINION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

BELLE VERNON ENTRANCE DOOR

& WINDOW CO., LLC,

Plaintiff,

JACOB WRIGHT, JR. and

AMANDA WRIGHT, No. 1730 of 2021, G.D. Defendants. Honorable Nancy D. Vernon

OPINION AND ORDER

VERNON, J. August 15, 2022

Before the Court is one Preliminary Objection filed by Defendants Jacob Wright, Jr. and Amanda Wright to the Complaint of Plaintiff Belle Vernon Entrance Door & Window, Co., LLC.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Belle Vernon Entrance Door & Window, Co., LLC installed entrance doors in the residence of Defendants Jacob Wright, Jr. and Amanda Wright pursuant to a contract for which Defendants remitted full payment of \$8,532.00. See, Amended Complaint, ¶5-8. When Plaintiff finished installation of the doors, Defendants requested Plaintiff to also replace all of the windows in their home. Id. at ¶10. According to Plaintiff, the terms for the windows, including a cost of \$39,900.00, were handwritten on the contract for the doors and Defendants kept the papers. Id. at ¶11-12.

Thereafter, Defendant Jacob Wright, Jr. applied for financing and upon his approval, Plaintiff ordered twenty-eight windows for the job. Id. at ¶14-15. Plaintiff began installation completing twenty-four windows when Defendants raised concerns about the installation. Id. at ¶18-20. Plaintiff explained the concerns were related to the age and structural quality of the framing of the house but that everything would be completed correctly by "shimming" and trimming. Id. at \$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$q}}\$20. Plaintiff also procured assurance from the window manufacturer that the quality of the windows and their installation would be guaranteed. Id. at ¶21.

Nonetheless, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants "without notice or explanation" ordered Plaintiff to not return to the job site or finish the window installation. Id. at ¶22. Defendants remain in possession of the twenty-four installed and the four unhung windows and have made no payments for the same. Id. at \$23, 26.

Plaintiff instituted the within action by Complaint. Following preliminary objection, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint alleging breach of contract, unjust enrichment/quantum meruit, promissory estoppel, and fraud. Defendants' preliminary objection seeks to dismiss Count IV – fraud based on the gist of the action doctrine.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

When reviewing preliminary objections in the nature of a demurrer, the court must "accept as true all well-pleaded material facts set forth in the complaint and all inferences fairly deducible from those facts." Thierfelder v. Wolfert, 52 A.3d 1251, 1253 (Pa. 2012). In deciding a demurrer the face of the complaint must indicate that the "claims may not be sustained and that the law will not permit a recovery. If there is any doubt, it should be resolved by the overruling of the demurrer." Melon Bank, N.A. v. Fabinyi, 650 A.2d 895, 899 (Pa. Super. 1994). "Preliminary objections, the end result of which would be dismissal of a cause of action, should be sustained only in cases that are clear and free from doubt." Bower v. Bower, 611 A.2d 181, 182 (Pa. 1992).

DISCUSSION

By way of their preliminary objection, Defendants seek to dismiss Plaintiff's tort claim for fraud as being barred under the "gist of the action" doctrine in Pennsylvania, alleging that the gist of this action lies in contract and not tort. Plaintiff argues that its fraud claim should survive objection as Defendants' representation that they would pay for the windows was material and patently false, as at the time of formation of the contract, Defendants did not possess the intent to pay Plaintiff, rather Defendants maintained a plan to obtain windows at no cost to them.

The "gist of the action" doctrine is applied in Pennsylvania "to preclude plaintiffs from re-casting ordinary breach of contract claims into tort claims." eToll, Inc. v. Elias/Savion Advertising, Inc., 811 A.2d 10, 14 (Pa.Super. 2002). In marking the distinction between contract and tort actions, "[t]he most important difference ... is that the latter lie from breach of duties imposed as a matter of social policy while the former lie for the breach of duties imposed by mutual consensus." Id. Therefore, "a claim should be limited to a contract claim when the parties' obligations are defined by the terms of the contracts, and not by the larger social policies embodied by the law of torts." Reed v. Dupuis, 920 A.2d 861, 864 (Pa.Super. 2007).

In determining whether the gist of the action doctrine applies, our Superior Court has examined whether the claim of fraud arises directly out of the contract dispute. Id. There is no "categorical exception for fraud," so "it is possible that a breach of contract also gives rise to an actionable tort." eToll, supra., 811 A.2d at 14, 19. In making the determination, a court should focus on "whether the fraud concerned the performance of contractual duties." Id. at 19. Under Pennsylvania case law, the gist of the action doctrine bars tort claims:

(1) arising solely from a contract between the parties; (2) where the duties allegedly breached were created and grounded in the contract itself; (3) where the liability stems from a contract; or (4) where the tort claim essentially duplicates a breach of contract claim or the success of which is wholly dependent on the terms of the contract.

Here, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants agreed that Plaintiff would complete the installation of the windows for \$39,900.00. See, Amended Complaint ¶11. As to the fraud allegation, Plaintiff alleges that "Defendants represented to Plaintiff that they would obtain financing in order to pay for the window installation, which constitutes a representation that is material to the agreement between Defendants and Plaintiff." Id. at ¶50. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants executed an application for financing which was approved and that the application for financing was completed by Defendants "with the specific intent and knowledge that they had no intention to pay Plaintiff for the windows." Id. at ¶52. Plaintiff argues that "defendants knowingly false representation induced Plaintiff to order the windows and begin installing them into Defendants' home" and that "Plaintiff justifiably relied on Defendant's representation that they were going to pay for the windows with the borrowed funds from Enerbank USA." Id. at ¶53 and 54.

The facts alleged in Count IV – Fraud of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint reflect only duties derived from a breach of the parties' contractual relationship, rather than some broader social duty. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants have failed to pay for the purchase and installation of the windows – the essence of their required performance under the contract. A claim should be limited to a contract claim when the parties' obligations are defined by the terms of the contracts, and not by the larger social policies embodied by the law of torts. As such, based upon the allegations of the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff's claim of fraud is barred by the gist of the action doctrine, which precludes the transmutation of its contract claim into a tort claim. Accordingly, the demurrer to Count IV – Fraud of the Amended Complaint will be sustained.

WHEREFORE, we will enter the following ORDER.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of August, 2022, upon consideration of the Preliminary Objection filed by Defendants Jacob Wright, Jr. and Amanda Wright to the Complaint of Plaintiff Belle Vernon Entrance Door & Window, Co., LLC, and the record, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Preliminary Objection is SUSTAINED and Count IV – Fraud of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is DISMISSED in accordance with the foregoing Opinion.

BY THE COURT, NANCY D. VERNON, JUDGE

ATTEST: Prothonotary

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- Presenter: Professor Bruce A. Antkowiak, J.D.

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Wednesday, October 12, 2022
The Historic Summit Inn

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- 9:00 **Getting Paid Financial Management & Marketing Tips**Ellen Freedman, CLM Law Practice Management Coordinator
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- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Practice and Procedure Panel Discussion with the Judges of the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas

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12:15 Remarks by Special Guests

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