JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: Burke v. Scranton Quincy Hospital Company, LLC d/b/a Moses Taylor

Hospital, Lacka. Co. Powell, J.

2024 CV 2464

DATE OF DECISION: May 29, 2025

JUDGE: Mark Powell

ATTORNEYS INVOLVED: Jason J. Mattioli, Esq. and Michael J. Ossont, Esq., Counsel for

Plaintiffs

Stuart T. O'Neal, III, Esq., Kimberly Funaro, Esq. and

Alicia Davis, Esq., Counsel for Defendant

SUMMARY OF OPINION:

Defendant filed Preliminary Objections to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims of recklessness, reckless indifference, willful and wonton conduct, gross negligence, and punitive damages based on Plaintiffs' insufficient factual pleadings. Defendant also sought to dismiss Plaintiffs' allegations of agency and vicarious liability as vague and unsupported.

According to the Complaint, Plaintiffs brought their Decedent to the hospital emergency room after she began exhibiting signs of increased confusion and weakness, making it difficult for her to walk. Decedent also suffered from poor vision. Plaintiffs maintained that despite Decedent's confused state, poor vision, and inability to ambulate, the Defendant left her alone in her hospital room without the use of bed rails or alarms to notify anyone for help. Plaintiffs further alleged that the door to Decedent's hospital room was closed, preventing staff from observing the patient. As a result, Decedent fell and broke her leg. Subsequently, she died but her death was not causally related to her fall.

The Court denied the Preliminary Objections noting the test for legal sufficiency of the Complaint assumes that all material facts in the pleadings are admitted as true. Additionally, the Court found that Defendant's contention that Plaintiffs' claims of agency and vicarious liability were vague and unsupported because the Complaint did not specifically name the agents in question. The Court explained that simply because the employees, who Plaintiffs alleged were acting within the scope of their authority, were unnamed does not mean a claim against their employer for vicarious liability is precluded, and, consequently, does not justify striking such agency allegations from the Complaint. Rather, the Court relied on the fact that Plaintiffs alleged sufficient facts to support punitive damages claim at the pleading stage.

JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: City of Scranton v. John Dodge, Lacka. Co. Powell, J. 2025 CV 3751.

DATE OF DECISION: June 10, 2025

JUDGE: Mark Powell

ATTORNEYS INVOLVED: Mariclare Hayes, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor for the City of

Scranton, Counsel for Petitioner

SUMMARY OF OPINION:

The City of Scranton filed a preliminary injunction seeking to abate a nuisance caused by an excessive number of unruly dogs at the home of Defendant, John Dodge. Scranton alleged that Dodge was not only running a kennel contrary to a City zoning ordinance, but also that his dogs created a public nuisance based upon their menacing size, the frequency with which they would roam the neighborhood, the noise they created, and the stench from the dogs' urine and feces consistently left to accumulate and fester on the property's rear deck. Defendant Dodge and his partner, Janelle Smith, operated a kennel from their home advertised as "Superior Cane Corso Kennel" where they actively bred puppies for sale and offered boarding options for a fee. Of note, Cane Corsos are large mastiff dogs weighing up to 150 pounds.

After conducting a factual hearing based on Scranton's request for preliminary injunctive relief, this Court granted a preliminary injunction to close the kennel and remove the Cane Corsos from the property. The Court found credible evidence based on neighbors' testimony, city employees' testimony and reports, as well as photographs and video, to establish that the dogs were noisy, created a foul smell from their accumulating waste, and presented a danger to the community when they would get loose, as the breed is exceptionally intimidating and known to show aggressive behavior in a pack, causing fear to those whom they encounter.

JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: Dunmore School District v. Lacka. Co. Board of Assessment Appeals (Alsostop

Real Estate), 2025 WL 1560615 (Lacka. Co. 2025)

DATE OF DECISION: May 13, 2025

JUDGE: Terrence R. Nealon

ATTORNEYS INVOLVED: Matthew D. Dempsey, Esquire, Counsel for Petitioner

Thomas J. Gilbride, Esquire, Counsel for Respondent, Lacka. Co. Board of

assessment Appeals

Michael Mey, Esquire, Counsel for Respondent, Alsgstop Real Estate

SUMMARY OF OPINION:

The Dunmore School District appealed a commercial property's tax assessment and, relying upon an appraisal report, argued that the vacant land at issue had a fair market value of \$773,179.00. The landowner produced its own appraisal report opining that the 3.41 acres of land had a fair market value of \$300,000.00. In tax assessment appeals, the trial court hears the appeal *de novo* and serves as the ultimate finder of fact and, in that capacity, is required to evaluate the witness' testimony and demeanor and make necessary credibility determinations in weighing the evidence. However, the parties opted to submit the appeal based upon the appraisal reports and without live testimony by witnesses.

Under the Assessment Law, real estate is to be assessed according to its actual value, which is defined as the property's

"fair market value" which, in turn, is the price that "a purchaser, willing but not obliged to buy, would pay an owner, willing but not obliged to sell" the property. Pennsylvania recognizes three methods of property valuation in ascertaining fair market value: (1) the cost approach, which considers reproduction or replacement costs of a property less depreciation and obsolescence; (2) the income approach which divides the property's annual net rental income by an investment rate of return; and (3) the comparable sales approach which compares the subject property to similar properties with consideration being given to the size, age, physical condition, location, and other factors. The School District's appraiser utilized three comparable sales of properties in Scranton, Plains, and Tunkhannock, whereas the property owner's expert used four vacant properties in Dunmore, Scranton, Olyphant, and Clarks Summit. The properties and sales transactions used by the property owner's expert were most comparable and germane to the property at issue, and provided more competent and weighty evidence of the proper fair market value, albeit without the opportunity to personally assess the experts' credibility and demeanor during in-person testimony. Accordingly, a decision was issued fixing the property's fair market value at \$300,000.00 for tax assessment purposes.

BY VIRTUE OF CERTAIN WRITS OF EXECUTION ISSUED OUT OF THE COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY, THE SHERIFF WILL EXPOSE AT PUBLIC SALE, BY VENUE OR OUTCRY, ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE DESCRIBED LOTS, PIECES OR PARCELS OF LAND TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS (SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF ANY UNPAID TAXES) AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ON FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 AT 10 AM OF SAID DAY.

****ATTENTION**** A DEPOSIT OF 10% OF THE BID PRICE IS TO BE PAID IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK IMMEDIATELY TO THE SHERIFF AT THE TIME OF THE BID. IN THE EVENT THAT 10% IS NOT PAID IMMEDIATELY, THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AGAIN AT THE END OF THE CURRENT SALE. SAID DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED IN THE EVENT THE BALANCE OF THE BID PRICE IS NOT PAID BY 2 O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAID DATE. FULL COMPLIANCE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT IS DUE BY TWO O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAID DATE.

For more information on Sheriff Sales and how they work, please visit:

https://www.lackawannacounty.org/government/elect ed officials/sheriff/sheriff sales.php

SALE 1

By virtue of Writ of Execution No. 25-372 Wilmington Savings Fund Society. FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for the FLIC Residential Mortgage Loan Trust I v 944 Monroe LLC Docket #: 25CV372

Property to be sold is situated in the borough/township of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of PA. Commonly known as: 944 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

Parcel #: 14670-020-017 Improvements thereon

of the residential dwelling or lot (if applicable):

Judgment Amount: \$195,074.34 Attorneys for the Plaintiff: 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160

Garden City. NY 11530

1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 1810

Philadelphia, PA 19103 (212) 471-5100

By: Dana Marks, Esq. (205165)

SALE 2

By virtue of Writ of Execution No. 25-417

Athene Annuity and Life Company v 219 Market LLC

Docket #: 25CV417

Property to be sold is situated in the borough/township of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of PA. Commonly known as: 219 W Market Street. Scranton.

PA 18508

Parcel #: 13412060032 Improvements thereon

of the residential dwelling or lot (if applicable):

Judgment Amount: \$217,035.49 Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160

Garden City, NY 11530

1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 1810

Philadelphia, PA 19103 (212) 471-5100

By: Robert Flacco, Esq. (325024)

SALE 3

By virtue of Writ of Execution No. 24-3019 Commercial Lender LLC v 87 Bennett LLC

Docket #: 24-CV-3019

Property to be sold is situated in the borough/township of Jessup, County of Lackawanna and State of PA. Commonly known as: 534 2nd Avenue, Jessup, PA

18434

Parcel #: 11506060042 Improvements thereon

of the residential dwelling or lot (if applicable):

Judgment Amount: \$178,430.98 Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530

(212) 471-5100

By: Danielle Johnson, Esq. (334703)

SALE 4

By virtue of a Writ of Execution No. 24 CV 6658
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION v. JAMES
BRAYER; DANIELLE TROWBRIDGE owner(s) of
property situate in the BOROUGH OF THROOP,
LACKAWANNA County, PA, being 736 DUNMORE
ST. THROOP, PA 18512

Tax ID #: 12513-060-037
Improvements thereon:
RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
Judgment Amount: \$159,836.58
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Brock & Scott. PLLC

SALE 5

By virtue of a Writ of Execution No. 2023-03368 SWBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION v. GAIL MARIE MONCIVAIS owner(s) of property situate in the CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA County, PA, being 1640-1642 DICKSON AVE. SCRANTON, PA 18509

Tax ID #: 13517020036 Improvements thereon: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING Judgment Amount: \$219,362.13 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Brock & Scott, PLLC

SALE 6

TO: ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST AND CLAIMANTS OWNER(S): MARK SIENKIEWICZ, solely in His Capacity as Heir of ALBERT SIENKIEWICZ, Deceased

The Unknown Heirs of ALBERT SIENKIEWICZ, Deceased

PLAINTIFF/SELLER: ASO EQUITY PARTNERS, I.I.C.

DEFENDANT(S): MARK SIENKIEWICZ, solely in His Capacity as Heir of ALBERT SIENKIEWICZ, Deceased

The Unknown Heirs of ALBERT SIENKIEWICZ, Deceased

PROPERTY: 1532 Prospect Avenue, Scranton, PA

LACKAWANNA C.C.P. NO. 2024-05567

JUDGMENT OF: \$8,968.10

The above captioned property is scheduled to be sold at Sherrif's Sale on JULY 11, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., at the Lackawanna County Courthouse, 123 Wyoming Avenue, First Floor, Scranton, PA 18503. You may hold a judgment on the property, which may be extinguished by the sale. You may wish to attend the sale to protect your interest.

A schedule of distribution will be filed by the Sheriff on a date specified by the Sheriff not later than 30 days after sale. Distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within 10 days after the filing of the schedule.

Shnayder Law Firm, LLC 148 East Street Road, Suite 352 Feasterville, PA 19053 (215) 834-3103

SALE 7

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2024-CV-9005, H.B. Homes, LLC v. Edmond Pierce and Latonia Pierce, owners of property situate in Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA being 2307 Prospect Avenue, a property being fifty (50) feet by one hundred fifty (150) feet.

PIN: 167.14-050-008

Assessed Value: \$14,000 Improvements thereon: Single-Family Home

Attorney: Gazda Penetar, P.C. Sheriff to Collect: \$88.273.90

SALE 8

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 19 CV 6041. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB. not individually but solely as trustee for FINANCE OF AMFRICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2019-HB1 (Plaintiff) vs. Ann Marie Amadio Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Mary Ann lyobb Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Diane Nevins Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Frank S. Homets Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, and Unknown Surviving Heirs of Madelyn Homets (Defendant) owners of property Situate in City of Carbondale. LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA BEING 109 Farview Street, Carbondale, PA 18407

DWELLING KNOWN AS: 109 FARVIEW STREET, CARBONDALE, PA 18407.

TAX PARCEL #: 04509010029

Title to said premises is vested in Madelyn Homets by deed from Madelyn Homets (erroneously named as Madeline Homets), a widow, by right of survivorship dated February 15, 2014 and recorded February 27, 2014 in Instrument Number 201402798. The said Madelyn Homets died on July 30, 2019 without a will or appointment of an Administrator, thereby vesting title in Ann Marie Amadio Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Mary Ann Iyoob Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Diane Nevins Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, Frank S. Homets Known Surviving Heir of Madelyn Homets, and Unknown Surviving Heirs of Madelyn Homets by operation of law.

Assessment Map #: 04509010029 Assessed Value figure: \$13,200.00

Improvements thereon: Residential Dwelling

Attorney: McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, LLC

Sheriff to collect: \$186,157.71

SALE 10

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION, filed to Docket No. 2024-CV-8080

Peoples Security Bank & Trust Company, Plaintiff, v. Porzio. LLC and Nichole Danova Defendants.

FIRST PARCEL:

Improved Commercial Property

Porzio, LLC is the owner of ALL that certain lot, piece. or parcel of land situate in the Township of South Abington, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of PA. described as follows:

Being a street address of: 318 Northern Boulevard.

Clarks Summit. PA 18411

Assessment Map/Parcel/Plate #: 112.01-030-004.01

Instrument #: 201806157

Assessed Value Figure: \$80,000.00 Improvements Thereon: commercial building SECOND PARCEL:

Unimproved Commercial Lot

Porzio, LLC is the owner of ALL that certain piece, or parcel of land situate in the Township of South County Abinaton. of Lackawanna. and Commonwealth of PA. described as follows:

Being a street address of: Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit. PA 18411.

Assessment Map/Parcel/Plate #: 112.01-030-004.05

Instrument #: 201806158

Assessed Value Figure: \$14,000.00

Unimprovement's Thereon: commercial lot size 0.68 acres

Attorney: JAMES T. SHOEMAKER, ESQ.

HOURIGAN, KLUGER & QUINN, PC

600 Third Avenue

Kingston, PA 18704

ishoemaker@hkglaw.com

(570) 287-3000

Sheriff to collect: \$1,145,868.07 (plus accrued interest, attorney's fees, and costs)

SALE 11

By virtue of Writ of Execution in Case Number: 2025-01208

CSMC 2021-RPL7 Trust (Plaintiff) vs. Julieanne Lewis a/k/a Julieanne M. Lewis and Ryan D. Lewis (Defendants)

Owners of the property situate in the 21st Ward of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA being 11 Glinko Street, Scranton, PA 18504

Dimensions of Parcel 29 x 140 Property ID # 14404-020-011 Assessed Value Figure: 8,000.00

Improvements thereon: Residential Dwelling

Attorney: Hladik Onorato and Federman, LLP.

Stephen M. Hladik, Esquire

298 Wissahickon Avenue, North Wales, PA 19454

Sheriff to Collect \$58,100.68 plus costs, expenses, attorneys' fees and additional interest.

SALE 12

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 691-CV-2025 The Honesdale National Bank (Plaintiff) vs Mark A. Bednash (Defendant), owner(s) of property situate in the city of Carbondale Lackawanna County. PA being 13½ Hospital Street, Carbondale, PA 18407

Dimensions: 20x173x24x167 Property ID #: 04513 030 015 Assessed Value figure: \$5.000 Improvements thereon: single dwelling

Attorney: Kimberly D. Martin Sheriff to collect: \$18.565.67

SALE 13

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 695-CV-2025 The Honesdale National Bank vs. Mark A. Bednash, Mark Bednash Enterprises, Inc. and M. Bednash Petroleum, Inc. (Defendant), owner(s) of property situate in the city of Mayfield Lackawanna County, PA being 103 5th Street, Mayfield, PA 18433

Dimensions: 50 x 85

Property ID #: 07312 050 004 Assessed Value figure: \$6,000 Improvements thereon: sinale dwellina

Attorney: Kimberly D. Martin Sheriff to collect: \$110.662.90

SALE 14

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 690-CV-2025 The Honesdale National Bank (Plaintiff) vs. Mark A. Bednash (Defendant), owner(s) of property situate in Borough of Mayfield Lackawanna County, PA being 500 Rushbrook Street, Mavfield, PA 18433

Dimensions: 43x31x145x62x51x23x49x17x56

containing 1.10 acres

Property ID #: 07312 050 00303 Assessed Value figure: 2.280 Improvements thereon: undeveloped vacant land Attorney: Kimberly D. Martin, Esq. Sheriff to collect: \$40.154.62

SALE 15

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 692-CV-2025 The Honesdale National Bank (Plaintiff) vs. Mark A. Bednash (Defendant), owner(s) of property situate in the city of Carbondale Lackawanna County, PA being 20 Weir Court, Carbondale, PA 18407

being 20 Weir Court, Carbondale, PA 18407 Dimensions: 58x91x54x97 building and land Property ID #: 04509 040 026

Assessed Value figure: \$9,000.00

Improvements thereon:

single dwelling

Attorney: Kimberly D. Martin Sheriff to collect: \$37,913.51

NOTICE

TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST AND CLAIMANTS:

A SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION OF ONLY **HIGH BID SALES** WILL BE FILED BY THE SHERIFF NOT LATER THAN **JULY 11. 2025** AND THAT DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID SCHEDULE UNLESS EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED THERETO WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

MARK P. MCANDREW SHERIFF OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

ATTEST.

BOB MOORE REAL ESTATE DEPUTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCRANTON, PA 18503

APRIL 7, 2025

ESTATE

First Notice

ESTATE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM ALBERT, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, died on April 23, 2025. Letters of Administration have been granted to Stephen G. Albert. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and all having claims against said estate should present same without delay. Edward A. Monsky – Attorney for the Estate. Munley Law, PC, 227 Penn Avenue. Scranton. PA 18503

ESTATE OF TINA M. DUTKA A/K/A TINA DUTKA (died May 8, 2025) formerly of Dickson City, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to the estate shall make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same without delay to the Executrix, Deanna Brown, or Richard A. Fanucci, Attorney for the Estate, 1711 Main Street, Blakely, PA 18447

ESTATE JOHANN EVELY late of Dunmore, Pennsylvania (Died January 21, 2025) Letters Testamentary having been granted to Peggy O'Keeffe alk/a Margaret O'Keeffe, all persons having claims against the Estate or indebted to the Estate shall make payment or present claims to Matthew P. Barrett, Esquire, 345 Wyoming Avenue, Suite 215 Scranton. PA 18503.

JOSEPH FERRETT, late of Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died May 14, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been issued to John Ferrett, Executor of the Estate. Marianne M. Stivala, Esquire, Cali Law, 103 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512.

CHRISTOPHER G. GAWRYS, deceased, late of Old Forge, PA (died December 15, 2024). Letters of Administration having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the decedent shall make payment thereof to Bridgette Hoffman, Administratrix, or to Raymond W. Ferrario, Attorney for the Estate, Suite 528, Scranton Life Building, 538 Biden Street, Scranton, PA 18503-1816.

ESTATE OF GERTRUDE E. GIGLIOTTI, late of Clifton Township, Pennsylvania (died April 29, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to Donna M. Williard, Roaring Book Twp., Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to the Personal Representative named herein, or to Patrick N. Coleman, Esquire, Tellie & Coleman, P.C., 310 East Drinker Street, Dunmore. PA 18512.

ESTATE OF ROBERT JOHN GRIFFITHS, JR aka ROBERT GRIFFITHS, JR, late of the City of Scranton died 06/1/25 Letters of Administration granted to Rory Griffiths and Lindsey Griffiths, Terrence V Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Letters of Administration have been granted. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Administrators name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE OF FRANCIS B. KULAS, A/K/A FRANCIS KULAS, A/K/A FRANK KULAS, Deceased, 914 Pancoast Street, Dickson City, Lackawanna County,

Pennsylvania 18519, who died on April 24, 2025. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same, without delay, to the Executor, Francis B. Kulas, Jr., or Michael N. Krisa, Attorney for the Estate, 3397 Scranton/Carbondale Highway, Suite 4, Blakely, Pennsylvania 18447. Michael N. Krisa, Esquire, KRISA & KRISA, P.C.

ESTATE OF CAROL GRACE LEE, late of S. Abington Twp, Pennsylvania, died on April 11, 2025. All persons having claims against the Estate shall present same to Executor, Tyler Gratz, c/o Donald W. Jensen, Esquire, 538 Biden Street, Suite 730. Scranton. Pennsylvania 18503.

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. MARION A/K/A PATRICIA MARION, DECEASED, late of Peckville, Pennsylvania, who died on May 21, 2025. Letters Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent shall make them known and present them and all persons indebted to said Decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Nicholas Burda, Executor, c/o Atty. Lawrence J. Moran, Sr., 116 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Letters of Testamentary have been issued in the ESTATE OF TERESA NAEGELE, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania. (died May 21, 2025), all persons having claims against the estate to make known to, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Ronald Naegele, Executor, or to William T. Jones, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 200 Abington Executive Park, Suite 203, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE OF JOHN E. PRICCI, late of South Abington Township, Pennsylvania, (died on April 14, 2025), and all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the sum without delay, to Maureen Pricci, Executrix, or to MINORA, KROWIAK, MUNLEY, BATYKO, 700 Vine Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510, Attorneys for the Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE OF MARY JANE SKIES, A/K/A MARY JANE LOMBARDO SKIES, Deceased, 452 3RD Street, Blakely, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18447, who died on May 8, 2025. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same, without delay, to the Co-Executrices, Sharon Bochnovich and Sandra Skies-Ludwig, or Michael N. Krisa, Attorney for the Estate, 3397 Scranton/Carbondale Highway, Suite 4, Blakely, Pennsylvania 18447. Michael N. Krisa, Esquire, KRISA & KRISA, P.C.

ESTATE OF JANICE HOWELL YOST, late of South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, PA, died February 15, 2025, Administrators, Lisa Martin or Keith Eckstein, or David A. Howell, Attorney for the Estate, 336 South State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

Second Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE OF HOLLY KRUSHINSKI, A/K/A HOLLY A. KRUSHINSKI, A/K/A

HOLLY ANN KRUSHINSKI, Deceased, 148 Green Grove Road, Scott Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18447, who died on May 11, 2025. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same, without delay, to the Executrix, Lynn Krushinski, or Michael N. Krisa, Attorney for the Estate, 3397 Scranton/Carbondale Highway, Suite 4, Blakely, Pennsylvania 18447. Michael N. Krisa, Esquire, KRISA & KRISA, P.C.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted in the ESTATE OF KAY C. OSTROWSKI late of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County (died February 12, 2025) to Susan McAndrew, Michael G. Gallacher, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 110 Market Street, Moscow, PA 18444. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Personal Representatives named above.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE OF RICHARD P. ROMANOWSKI late of Dickson City, Pennsylvania, to Costic Laniewski. Richard Romanowski died on May 15, 2025. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Executor, in care of Comerford Law, Matthew T. Comerford, Esquire, 538 Biden Street, Suite 430, Scranton, Scranton, PA 18503, Attorney for Estate.

RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE SIMONSON, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died March 20, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters Administration for the Estate have been issued to Tamara Souter, Administrix of the Estate. All those having claims or demands against the Estate or indebtedness owed to the Estate shall present claims or remit payment without delay to the ADMINISTRIX, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Biden Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

Third Notice

ESTATE OF HENRIETTA J. AMEIKA, late of the Borough of Moosic, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18507, who died on April 3, 2025. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Mary Vitale. All persons indebted to the Estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to John J. Warring, Attorney for the Estate, c/o O'Malley and Perry Law, 345 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

ESTATE OF VITO J. AMENDOLARO, late of the Borough of Dunmore died 02/23/25. Letters Testamentary granted to Bruce Amendolaro, Terrence V Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary have been granted. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Executor name.

IN RE: DANIEL J. ANDREWS, Deceased, late of Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died January 15, 2025. Letters of Testamentary having been granted in said Estate, all persons indebted thereto shall make payment and all creditors shall present their claims without delay to Walker & Walker, P.C., Matthew H. Walker, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, P.O. Box 747, 364 Hamlin Highway, Hamlin, Pennsylvania 18427.

IN RE: ESTATE OF DANIEL ANUSZEWSKI, late of Dickson City, Lackawanna County Pennsylvania, died October 2, 2024. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above listed Estate to Chad Anuszewski. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to Theresa J. Malski-Pezak, Esquire, 907 Church Street, Jessup, Pennsylvania 18434.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. DIVANNA, SR., A/K/A JOSEPH A. DIVANNA, late of South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died September 2, 2024). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the above Estate. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment; and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Lori A. DiVanna 3283 Jog Park Drive, Greenacres FL 33467 and counsel for the Estate, Nancy M. Barrasse, Esquire, 224 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN GENTILE, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died March 29, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the above Estate. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment; and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Mary C. Gentile, 7004 Evergreen Drive, Waldorf MD 20601 and counsel for the Estate, Nancy M. Barrasse, Esquire, 224 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

ESTATE OF MARGARET P. HEALEY, late of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died March 3, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted in the above Estate. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment; and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Brian P. Healey, 6 Manor Drive, Dallas PA 18612 and counsel for the Estate, Nancy M. Barrasse, Esquire, 224 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

JEFFREY HAUDENSCHIELD, AKA JEFFREY O. HAUDENSCHIELD, late of Waverly, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died May 13, 2025, Letters Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent shall make them known, and present them, and all persons indebted to said decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Judith Haudenschield, Executor, c/o Attorney Scott Lynett, The Law Office of Scott Lynett, 237 Penn Avenue, Scranton, Pennsvlvania 18503.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the following Estate. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Executrix named. ESTATE OF LEONA PALUSZESKI alkla LEONA M. PALUSZESKI, late of Moosic, PA. Karen A. Paluszeski, Executrix; Christopher J. Szewczyk, Esquire, Attorney, 321 Biden Street, Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503. CHRISTOPHER J. SZEWCZYK, ESQUIRE, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

RE: ESTATE OF JOHN PALUZZI Deceased, Late of Dalton, Pennsylvania (Died October 31, 2024). Letters of Administration in the Estate of John Paluzzi, having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against said Estate of the Decedent should make them known and present them and all persons indebted to said Estate should make payment thereof, without delay, to Jessica Donaldson.

Executrix, c/o Robert T. Moran, Esquire, 116 N. Washington Avenue, Suite 400, Scranton, PA 18503, (570) 955-4513.

RE: ESTATE OF ANN MARIE RINALDI. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of ANN MARIE RINALDI, late of Elmhurst, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment and those having claims shall present them for settlement to: ELIZABETH C. ELVIDGE, EXECUTRIX, BRENDA D. COLBERT, Esquire, COLBERT & GREBAS, P.C., 210 Montage Mountain Road – Suite A, Moosic, PA 18507. Date of Death: December 1, 2024

Estate Notice is Hereby Given that Letters Testamentary have been Granted in the ESTATE OF ANGELA M. SCARANTINO, late of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna County, who died March 21, 2025. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to the Executor Dino Darbenzio and his attorneys, Mey & Sulla, LLP, 1144 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512. Justin J. Sulla, Esq.

ESTATE OF JANE J. SHEBAL, A/K/A JANE SHEBAL, DECEASED, LATE OF CLARKS SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA (DIED JANUARY 26, 2025). All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same, without delay, to Elizabeth Jane Llewellyn, Administratrix C.T.A., c/o Attorney Joseph F. Gaughan, 1107 Oram Street, Scranton, PA 18504. LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH F. GAUGHAN, P.C., JOSEPH F. GAUGHAN, ESQUIRE, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF SANDRA STANKO, late of Scott Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, died October 13, 2024. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above listed Estate to Lee Joseph Wontroski. All persons induced to the said Estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to Theresa J. Malski-Pezak, Esquire, 907 Church Street, Jessup, Pennsylvania 18434.

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANN MARIE WALKER, late of Olyphant Borough, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Date of Death, March 8, 2025. Letters Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all person having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to Dana Marie Walker, Personal Representative, or to Joan Guari, Esquire of the Toczydlowski Law Office, 723 North Main Street, Archbald, PA 18403.

CHANGE OF NAME

In the Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division: In Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Nova Rose Summerville, a Minor, by Petitioner-Parent, Genevieve Davis for Change of Name of the Minor Child. Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of June, 2025, the Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child was filed in the above Court, requesting an Order to change the minor child's name to Nova Rose Davis. The Court has fixed the 31st day of July, 2025, at 1:30PM at the Lackawanna County Government Center located at 123 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, PA 18503 as the time and place for the hearing of said petition for name change, when and where all persons

interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

CHANGE OF NAME

In the Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division: In Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Jarrod Francis Arnold, Docket No. 25 CV 3474 for Change of Name to Jarrod Francis McHale-Arnold. Notice is hereby given that on May 6, 2025, the Petition for Change of Name was filed in the above Court, requesting an Order to change the Petitioner's Name to Jarrod Francis McHale-Arnold. The Court has fixed the 31st day of July, 2025, at 1:30PM in Courtroom A at the Lackawanna County Government Center located at 123 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, PA 18503 as the time and place for the hearing of said petition for name change, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

TO: Nicholas Jackson 71 ½ High Street Plymouth, PA 18651

NOTICE

A petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, L.O., born on 10/12/2022 in Lackawanna County, PA and the biological female child of Erika Oldakoski. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your children. That hearing will be held on July 14th, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom #3 located at the Lackawanna County Courthouse, 200 N. Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scranton, PA. If you do not appear at this hearing, the Court may decide that you are not interested in retaining your rights to your child and your failure to appear may affect the Court's decision on whether to end your rights to your child. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your children may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer.

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

Northern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. 33 North Main Street, Suite 200 Pittston, PA 18640 (570) 299-4100

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Carbondale will consider the adoption of the following ordinance at its Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1 N. Main Street, Carbondale, Pennsylvania:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING A REFERENDUM QUESTION AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

AMENDING ARTICLE IX ENTITLED "PERSONNEL."

This proposed ordinance is authorized pursuant to the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, 53 Pa. C.S. § 2941, which provides that amendments to a home rule charter may be accomplished through the initiative and referendum process or by ordinance of the governing body followed by referendum.

The purpose of the ordinance is to submit to the voters of the City of Carbondale a referendum question on whether to amend Article IX of the City's Home Rule Charter concerning the municipal personnel system. The proposed changes are intended to update and modernize the personnel system governing municipal employees to reflect current best practices in public sector employment. The amendments seek to promote efficiency, transparency, and fairness in hiring and employment decisions and to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state labor laws.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and provide public comment. A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours at Carbondale City Hall.

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A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION BY: JAMES T. SHOEMAKER, ESQUIRE IDENTIFICATION NO. 63871 LAW OFFICES 600 THIRD AVENUE KINGSTON, PA 18704-5815

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

LUZERNE BANK,

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION - LAW

v.

(570) 287-3000

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

JOHN W. DODGE, JR.,

CASE NO. 25-CV-3657

Defendant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the defendant, John W. Dodge, Jr., that a complaint in mortgage foreclosure has been filed against you in the above captioned matter on May 14, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for 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.

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LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC. NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL SERVICES. INC.

> 33 N. Main Street, Suite 200 Pittston, PA 18640 (800) 953-4250 (toll free)

> > -or-

PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE P.O. Box 1086, 100 South St. Harrisburg, PA 17108

(Pennsylvania resident's phone: 1-800-692-7375; out-of-state residents phone: 1-717-238-6715)

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO LISA SOSNOWSKI her Heirs and Assigns and all other persons claiming by, through from and under, any of them and all other persons whatsoever

You are hereby notified that on June 2, 2025 Renee Jennes has commenced and action to Quiet Title in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna numbered to 25-4110.

In this action the Plaintiffs has claimed that she is the owners in fee simple absolute of the premises described herein, and that her ownership is free and clear of any claims by the above individuals.

The real estate to which the Plaintiff claims ownership is described as follows:

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land lying, situated and being in the Borough of Throop, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: to wit

Beginning at a point in the Boundary Line of Lot No. 22, which point is situated about 17 feet from the center of the Railroad Branch Track of the New York Ontario Western Railroad, thence Northeast One hundred (100) feet eighteen inches to Early Street, thence southeasterly along said Early Street, One Hundred and Seven (107) feet eight inches, thence southwesterly Thirty Five (35) Nine inches to a stake, thence in a line parallel with the Railroad Branch Track of the New York Ontario Western Railroad. and fifteen (15) feet from the center of the same northwest One Hundred and Twenty-Six (126) feet three inches to the place of beginning, which is about Seventeen (17) feet distance from said Railroad Track.

TAX MAP No. 12416-020-030

NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT, IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIMS SET FORTH, ACTION WITH IN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THIS COMPLAINT AND NOTICE ARE SERVED. BY ENTERING WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY OR BY ATTORNEY AND FILING IN WRITING WITH THE COURT YOUR DEFENSES OR CLAIMS SET FORTH AGAINST YOU. YOU ARE WARNED THAT OBJECTIONS TO THE IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO THE CASE MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU BY THE COURT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE FOR ANY MONEY CLAIMED IN THE COMPLAINT OR FOR ANY OTHER CLAIM OR RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE PLAINTIFFS. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR PROPERTY OR TO OTHER RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

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Lawyer Referral Service Lackawanna Bar Association 233 Penn Avenue Scranton, PA 18503 Telephone 570-969-9161

> John J. Brazil, Jr., Esqui: Attorney for Plaintiff 712 Main Street, Suite 200 Moosic Pa 18507 Esquire

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BLUE SHUTTERS REALTY, LLC

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVAIA

Plaintiff

VS.

CIVIL ACTION-LAW

RUSSELL T. LANG AND EILEEN G. HEALY, F/N/A EILEEN G. LANG their heirs, executors, personal representatives, devisees, administrators Grantees, successors and assigns, and any and all persons, firms, associations or legal entities, claiming right, title or interest by through or under the Defendants or any of them and all other persons claiming through them generally.

DOCKET NO: 2025-CV-4589

Defendants

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Defendants, RUSSELL T. LANG and EILEEN G. HEALY, F/N/A EILEEN G. LANG, their heirs, executors, personal representatives, devisees, administrators Grantees, successors and assigns, and any and all persons, firms, associations or legal entities, claiming right, title or interest by, through or under the Defendants or any of them and all other persons claiming through them generally, that the Plaintiff, BLUE SHUTTERS REALTY, LLC has commenced an action against you to Docket No. 2025-CV-4589, in the Office of the Clerk of Judicial Records of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, which you are required to defend to quiet title to that certain piece, parcel and plot of land situated in the County of Lackawanna, State of Pennsylvania, and is described as follows:

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground situated in Elmhurst Township, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point, said point being at the northerly right-of-way line of Blue Shutters Road where said road intersects with the land, now or formerly of Russell T. Lang and Eileen G. Lan, and lands now or formerly of Samuel Costanzo, et ux; THENCE North 17 degrees 41 minutes 27 seconds West a distance of 380.91 feet to a point; THENCE South 83 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 181.69 feet to lands, now or formerly of Elmer Schiffler; THENCE North 8 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West along the lands now or formerly of Schiffer 112.3 feet to a point; THENCE, continuing along the lands now or formerly of Schiffer North 81 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 36.72 feet to a point; THENCE South 21 degrees 51 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 170.46 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Blue Shutters Road; THENCE South 66 degrees 30 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 197.90 feet to the point of beginning, CONTAINING 1.35 acres more or less.

NOTICE

If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing 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 property or other rights important to you.

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NOTICE FILED BY: PATRICK WALSH, ESQ., Attorney for Plaintiff