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IN RE: : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
THE 45<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT : OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY  
: 2020 MD 179/32 mm 2020

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ORDER

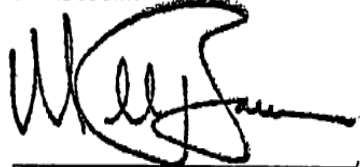
NOW, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, in accord with the Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court dated May 27, 2020, in which President Judges are authorized to extend local judicial emergency declarations based on local conditions, the following is HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED:

The judicial emergency in the 45<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Lackawanna County, is hereby extended through June 30, 2020. All previous Orders of this Court relating to the judicial emergency with expiration dates prior to June 30, 2020 shall be extended through June 30, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other aspects of this Court's Emergency Judicial Order of March 16, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

MAURI B. KELLY  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY  
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RECORDS CIVIL DIVISION

BY THE COURT:



Honorable Michael J. Barrasse  
President Judge

P.J.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: GENERAL STATEWIDE : Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY : Administration Docket  
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***CESSATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AFTER JUNE 1, 2020***

**PER CURIAM**

AND NOW, this 27th day of May, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's constitutionally-conferred general supervisory and administrative authority over all courts and magisterial district judges, see PA. CONST. art. V, §10(a), this Court DIRECTS that the general, statewide judicial emergency declared and maintained via this Court's Orders of March 16, March 18, March 24, April 1, and April 28, 2020, SHALL CEASE as of June 1, 2020. The previous Orders in this line SHALL EXPIRE according to their own terms.

In light of ongoing public-health concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the intermediate appellate courts have issued various administrative orders, and nearly all local courts have utilized the procedures specified in Rule of Judicial Administration 1952 and/or this Court's prior Orders to declare local emergencies. Such administrative orders and local emergencies REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, and President Judges in those judicial districts may continue to exercise emergency powers under Rule 1952(B)(2). Extant administrative orders issued by the intermediate courts and local emergency orders and directives, including any provisions of these affecting time calculations or deadlines, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT until they

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expire or are rescinded by this Court, by an intermediate court, or locally. Self-effectuating extensions of local emergencies may be filed by President Judges of the judicial districts.<sup>1</sup>

Should President Judges in the remaining judicial districts deem it prudent to exercise emergency powers beyond the time of an existing declaration, they may also file a declaration of an emergency in their districts with the Supreme Court Prothonotary in the Eastern, Western, or Middle District Office, as appropriate for the particular local judicial district. Such a declaration generally SHALL BE SELF-EFFECTUATING, subject to any subsequent order by this Court or the local court.

Under any administrative order issued by an intermediate court or local emergency declaration, a President Judge IS HEREBY SPECIFICALLY EMPOWERED, subject to state and federal constitutional requirements, to do any or all of the following:

- (1) Limit in-person access and proceedings in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public;
- (2) Suspend statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies;
- (3) Suspend statewide rules that impede local provision for court filings by means other than in-person delivery;
- (4) Suspend statewide rules pertaining to the rule-based right of criminal defendants to a prompt trial; and

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<sup>1</sup> If a docket number has been assigned to the judicial district for emergency purposes, any further declaration or order concerning extensions, administrative directives, or other matters associated with the local judicial emergency should be captioned so as to indicate that docket number. For convenience, declarations of emergency, extensions, and associated local orders may be transmitted via electronic mail to: [Irene.Bizzoso@pacourts.us](mailto:Irene.Bizzoso@pacourts.us).

(5) Suspend jury trials until such time that they can be conducted consistent with prevailing health and safety norms.

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts remains ready to provide guidance to the appellate and local courts concerning implementation of technological resources and maintenance of appropriate health-and-safety measures to protect court personnel, court users, and members of the public.

### **Guidance to Legal Professionals**

In previous orders, this Court authorized and encouraged both courts and legal professionals to use advanced communication technology whenever possible to protect public health and safety. In addition, our April 28, 2020 order specifically referenced guidance by the executive branch providing that while law offices (like most other businesses) remained generally closed, lawyers and staff could access their physical offices under certain circumstances. That executive branch guidance, which then applied statewide, now applies only to those areas of the state designated by the executive branch as being in the "Red Phase." See *Guidance for Businesses Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees and the Public*, <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200504-COVID-19-Business-Guidance.pdf> (last visited May 22, 2020).

As regions of the state reopen, and as courts resume the full range of court business, the need for legal professionals to gain greater physical access to their offices naturally increases as well. Pennsylvania attorneys have an obligation under our Rules of Professional Conduct to promptly, competently, and diligently represent their clients. To that end, attorneys and staff must be able to, and therefore may, access their physical offices at least to the extent the attorneys reasonably believe doing so is necessary to

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satisfy their professional obligations, provided they take appropriate measures to protect the safety of their employees and the public.

The Court notes that the executive branch has issued guidance concerning business operations in what it has designated the "Yellow Phase" and the "Green Phase." The executive direction for operations in the Yellow Phase is presently that "all businesses, except [for categories not relevant here], are permitted to conduct in-person operations, so long as they strictly adhere to the requirements of this guidance." *Id.*

The "Policy" section of the executive guidance further provides:

All businesses, even those that are authorized to maintain in-person operations, must strive to minimize opportunities for personal interaction because such interactions provide greater opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19. Businesses must employ remote or virtual methods of doing business whenever and wherever possible.

Businesses that must conduct in-person operations and activities, because their employees cannot telework, must adhere strictly to this guidance. In addition, businesses that maintain in-person operations must make their employees and customers aware of the efforts and commitment to protecting their health and safety.

*Id.*<sup>2</sup>

As to what the executive branch has designated the "Green Phase," the guidance provides that "all businesses (including those restricted or prohibited in the Yellow Phase) are authorized to conduct in-person operations as long as the businesses follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines and other orders or guidance that may be required at that time." *Id.*

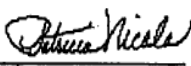
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<sup>2</sup> The guidance provides further details concerning building, employee, and public safety. See *id.*

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At present, the Court finds the executive branch guidance to be consistent with level and manner of physical office access that the Court has deemed necessary attorneys to promptly, competently, and diligently represent their clients.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola  
As Of 05/27/2020

Attest:   
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**ESTATES**

**First Notice**

**ESTATE OF JACK M. BERRYMAN, JR.**, late of the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania, (died February 01, 2020). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to Linda Berryman, of Indiana, PA, and Philip Berryman, of Oley, PA. 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 Representatives named herein, or to Patrick N. Coleman, Esquire, Tellie & Coleman, P.C., 310 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Janice Prushinski in the **ESTATE OF SHARON A. ESHMONT**, late of Dunmore, PA (died 04/27/2020). All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and creditors to present their claims without delay to the Executrix c/o Ernest A. Sposto Jr., Esq., 108 North Washington Avenue, Suite 401, Scranton, PA 18503, Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted in the **ESTATE OF KATHLEEN T. KEATING, A/K/A KATHLEEN L. KEATING**, Deceased, late of 115 Harper Street, Dunmore Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18512, who died on June 5, 2012. 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 Administrator, Dominic J. Keating, or Michael N. Krisa, Attorney for the Estate, 3397 Scranton/Carbondale Highway, Suite 4, Blakely, Pennsylvania 18447.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF FRANK MILEWSKI, JR.**, late of the Township of Jefferson, County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, who died 05/17/2020. 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, Michael Milewski, or James P. Phillips, Jr, Esquire, the attorney for the estate at 731 Cliff Drive, Lake Ariel PA 18436.

**Second Notice**

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM HORACE BATEZELL, IV**, late of Scott Township, PA (died March 1, 2020). Letters of Administration having been granted to William Horace Batezell V. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said Estate will make payment immediately, and those having claims will present them for settlement to William Horace Batezell V, Executor, or to: Tullio DeLuca, Attorney for the Estate, 381 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504.

**ESTATE OF ERNEST J. GATTO, SR.**, Deceased, late of Dunmore, Pennsylvania (died April 2, 2020). All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same, without delay, to Carmen S. Gatto, Executor, c/o Attorney Joseph F. Gaughan, 300 Mulberry Street, Suite 303, Scranton, PA 18503.

**ESTATE OF PETER PAUL GRIGALUNAS**, late of South Abington Twp., Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died May 9, 2020). Letters Testamentary granted to James Grigalunas, Executor; all persons indebted thereto shall make payment and all creditors shall present their claims without delay to Paul Keeler, Esquire, 415 South State St., Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, 18411.

**ESTATE OF ELINOR M. KAIRIS**, late of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died April 25, 2020). Letters Testamentary granted to Edward R. Kairis, Executor; all persons indebted thereto shall make payment and all creditors shall present their claims without delay to Paul Keeler, Esquire, 415 South State St., Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, 18411.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted in the **ESTATE OF JOHN LASICHAK**, Deceased, late of 412 Delaware Street, Jermyrn, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18433, who died on March 22, 2020. 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 Administrator, John Edward Lasichak, or Michael N. Krisa, Attorney for the Estate, 3397 Scranton/Carbondale Highway, Suite 4, Blakely, Pennsylvania 18447.

RE: **ESTATE OF HOWARD M. PACTHER, A/K/A HOWARD PACTHER**, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania (died April 19, 2020). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Howard M. Pacther, a/k/a Howard Pacther have been issued to Elaine Pacther, a/k/a Elaine B. Pacther, Executrix 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 Executrix at 940 N. Webster Avenue, Scranton PA 18510, or to Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP, Attorney for the Estate, 425 Spruce Street, Suite 200, Scranton, PA 18503.

**Third Notice**

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF JOSEPH GABRIEL CRISTIANO AKA JOSEPH G. CRISTIANO**, late of Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania who died April 7, 2020. 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, Gary Paul Cristiano, or James J. Zaydon, Jr., Esquire, the Attorney for the Estate at 1316 Main Street, Peckville, Pennsylvania.

**ESTATE OF MARLENE SEWACK GILLETTE AKA MARLENE ANN GILLETTE**, late of Jessup, Lackawanna County, PA (died April 7, 2020). Letters Testamentary having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against estate of decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to said decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Cammie A. Castellano, Executor, 712 Clover Lane, Moscow, PA 18444, or to Jane M. Carlonas, Esquire, of Oliver, Price & Rhodes, Attorney for the Estate, 1212 S. Abington Road, PO Box 240, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF ANN MARIE GRAYESKI**, late of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died April 24, 2020). All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment, and

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those having claims or demands are to present same, without delay, to the Executrix, Mary Lynn Grayeski, or John J. Lawler, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 25 North Main Street, Suite Two, Carbondale, Pennsylvania 18407.

**ESTATE OF MARJORIE L. HARER**, late of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died March 28, 2020) Letters Testamentary having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against estate of decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to said decedent shall make payment thereof without delay to Denise Ryan, A.V.P., PNC Wealth Management, 4242 Carlisle Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or to John R. O'Brien, Oliver, Price & Rhodes, Attorney for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, PO Box 240, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

**ESTATE OF JOHN J. KEPPICK III A/K/A JOHN KEPPICK A/K/A JOHN J. KEPPICK** late of Taylor, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died March 27, 2020). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been issued to Jeanine V. Butts, Executor 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 Jule Gaige, Attorney for the Estate, 615 Clay Avenue, Third Floor, Scranton, PA 18510.

**ESTATE OF VERA LUONGO**, late of the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania, (died April 08, 2020). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to Jule Ann Luongo of Scranton, PA. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to the Executrices named herein, or to Nicholas D. Tellie, Esquire, Tellie & Coleman, P.C., 310 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted to Alexander T. Maher, Administrator of the **ESTATE OF ANNE ELIZABETH MAHER**, deceased, who died on June 15, 2019, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to the estate are required to make payment and those having any claims or demands are to present the same, without delay, to the Administrator, Alexander T. Maher, c/o his attorney Carlo A. LaMonica, Esquire, LaMonica Law Firm LLC, 3218 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505.

**ESTATE OF CARMELLA PANARO**, late of Dunmore, PA (Died: April 21, 2020). Eugene Panaro, Executor or Albert E. Nicholls, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 1421 E. Drinker, Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512.

IN RE: **ESTATE OF DAVID L. TRESSLER, SR.**, deceased, late of the Borough of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (April 16, 2020). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to Joyce E. Tressler. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to the Executrix named above or to James M. Tressler, Esquire, Tressler Law, LLC, 220 Penn Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Scranton, PA 18503.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF NICHOLAS SALERNO**, late of Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania who died on February 16, 2020. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same to Nicole Salerno, 38 Birch Hill

Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411, personal representative of the estate.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Articles of Incorporation for **To Bee Determined, Inc.** were filed with the PA Department of State on July 15, 2019, under the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended and supplemented. Lydia Hodge- Founder.

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## FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Names Act of Pennsylvania (54 Pa.C.S. Section 301 et. seq.), that an application for registration of a Fictitious Name was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 14th, 2020, for the conduct of a business under the Fictitious Name of **West Mountain Designs**, with its principal office or place of business at 1200 N Sekol Ave, Scranton, PA 18504. The names and addresses of all persons who are parties to the registration are: Emilee Butler, 1200 N Sekol Ave, Scranton, PA 18504.

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## FICTITIOUS NAME

Application for registration of a fictitious name was filed under 54 Pa. C.S. for "**F&G Pioneers LLC**", 106 Rose Ave., Dunmore, PA 18512. Parties to the registration are: Robert Morgan, 624 Cooney St.; Joseph E. Perry, 517 Jessup Ave.; Timothy Connors, 116 Swartz St.; Vito M. Lally, 126 Willow St. all of Dunmore, PA, ...Fred J. Babarsky III, 325 W. Market St. & Harry Pulver, both of Scranton, PA.

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