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JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: Helring v. Scranton Police Pension Board -
2025 WL 1898953 (Lacka. Co. 2025)

DATE OF DECISION: July 9, 2025

JUDGE: Terrence R. Nealon

ATTORNEYS INVOLVED: Kim Borland, Esquire, *Counsel for Appellant*
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Matthew G. Boyd, Esquire, *Counsel for Intervenor*

SUMMARY OF OPINION:

After a former police officer’s disability pension was revoked pursuant to the state public employee pension forfeiture law and the municipal ordinance governing police pensions based upon his felony conviction for knowingly stealing federal funds by receiving compensation for extra duty patrol shifts that he never worked, the ex-officer filed this local agency appeal against the municipal police pension board seeking to reverse and nullify its revocation of his pension. Among other arguments, he alleged that the municipal ordinance is unconstitutionally vague and in conflict with the state pension forfeiture law. The city filed a petition to intervene as a party in this appeal, which intervention request was opposed by the former officer, but not the pension board.

A non-party may intervene in an action under Pa.R.Civ.P. 2327(4) if “the determination of such action may affect any legally enforceable interest” that it has, and one of the discretionary grounds for denying intervention under Pa.R.Civ.P. 2329 is not present. Since the city funds the police disability pensions, the outcome of this appeal may impact its financial obligation to the police disability pension fund. Furthermore, a municipality’s interest in preventing the violation of its ordinances is considered a “legally enforceable interest” under Rule 2327(4), as a result of which the city has standing to litigate the constitutionality and legality of its police pension ordinance and to prohibit the former officer’s continuing receipt of a disability pension in contravention of that ordinance. Additionally, none of the three discretionary bases for refusing intervention under Rule 2329 existed in this matter. Consequently, the city’s petition to intervene was granted and it was directed to file the responsive pleading it has attached to its petition.

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CASE NAME AND NUMBER: *Leber v. Mark A. Frattali, M.D., et. al, Lacka. Co., Powell, J. 2023 CV 1442*

DATE OF DECISION: June 30, 2025

JUDGE: Mark Powell

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SUMMARY OF OPINION:

The Court, in a sixty-one-page Opinion, denied 15 defense motions, fourteen for partial summary judgment and one for summary judgment, in a wrongful death and survival action stemming from the death of Frederic Leber following surgery at Scranton Hospital Company d/b/a Commonwealth Health (RHS). Plaintiff alleged systemic failures by multiple defendants, including Dr. Mark Frattali, Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG), Delta Medix, RHS, and staffing agencies, in conducting VTE risk assessments and administering prophylaxis, resulting in a fatal pulmonary embolism.

The court found that genuine issues of material fact precluded judgment as a matter of law. Applying Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1035.2 and relevant case law, including *Thompson v. Nason Hospital*, *Scampono v. Highland Park Care Ctr.*, and *Welsh v. Bulger*, the court emphasized that summary judgment is inappropriate where material facts are in dispute or where credibility determinations (e.g., competing expert reports) must be made.

Defendants argued that corporate negligence cannot attach to physician groups and that Delta Medix, P.C. was not legally existent during Mr. Leber's care. The court rejected both arguments. It reaffirmed that under *Scampono* liability hinges not on corporate form but on the relationship and duties owed to the patient. It found sufficient evidence suggesting Delta Medix remained operational and that its successor, LVPG, could be a continuation under traditional successor liability principles.

The court also rejected the claim that Plaintiff's expert reports were insufficient to establish prima facie negligence. Relying on expert opinions from Drs. Lowenthal, Wenig, and Bhattacharyya, the court found evidence that defendants failed to perform timely VTE risk assessments and administer dual prophylaxis despite known risk factors. In fact, the Court noted Dr. Frattali himself conceded Mr. Leber's high-risk scores under both Caprini and Padua models, yet failed to order anticoagulation or ensure early ambulation. RHS also lacked institutional policies and delayed activating its own VTE care protocols.

The court stressed that expert credibility and differing interpretations of risk models (e.g., Caprini vs. Padua) are for the jury to resolve, not the court on summary judgment. It also held that systemic negligence, including lack of training, inadequate policies, and supervisory failures, could support claims of corporate negligence and constructive notice, citing *Thompson*, *Whittington*, and *Rauch*.

Criticizing the defendants' piecemeal motion practice, the court noted it burdens the court and prejudices parties by fragmenting related issues, potentially leading to inconsistent rulings. The opinion consolidated all summary judgment rulings into a single unified analysis to ensure coherent judicial reasoning.

Ultimately, the court found that the evidentiary record consisting of the pleadings, depositions, and expert reports, when viewed in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, raised triable issues of duty, breach, causation, institutional failure, and punitive damages. Accordingly, all defense motions for summary judgment and partial summary judgment were denied.

Judge Mark Powell

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JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: *Leber v. Mark A. Frattali, M.D., et. al*, Lacka. Co., Powell, J. 2023 CV 1442

DATE OF DECISION: July 16, 2025

JUDGE: Mark Powell

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SUMMARY OF OPINION:

The Court granted Plaintiff's motion to bifurcate the trial in a medical malpractice and wrongful death case arising from the alleged failure to provide adequate VTE prophylaxis after surgery. Plaintiff sought to separate the trial into two phases: (1) liability, compensatory damages, and whether Defendants acted with reckless indifference; and (2) the amount of punitive damages.

Defendants opposed bifurcation, arguing the issues are too interwoven and bifurcation would cause prejudice. The Court disagreed, finding that bifurcation would promote judicial economy, avoid prejudicial introduction of Defendants' financial condition during the compensatory phase, and allow for a more orderly presentation of evidence. The Court cited relevant Pennsylvania precedent emphasizing the trial court's discretion to bifurcate under Rule 213(b) where bifurcation serves convenience, avoids prejudice, or enhances efficiency.

The Court noted that evidence of liability and reckless indifference overlaps but can be handled within a single phase, while any discussion of punitive damages amounts, including wealth, would be reserved for the second phase, avoiding undue influence on the jury. The Court found Defendants' claims of prejudice unpersuasive and conclusory, especially since key witnesses the Defendants cited would appear in both phases regardless, as one was the Defendant and three were the Decedent's children.

Relying on precedent and practice, the Court concluded bifurcation is reasonable and facilitates potential settlement, cost savings, and fairness. The motion to bifurcate was therefore **GRANTED**.

Judge Mark Powell

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ESTATE

First Notice

ESTATE OF JOHN A. MALLAS, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Pennsylvania (died February 9, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to Jennifer Popis, City of Scranton, 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 ANN MARIE GALLAGHER, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18509, who died on August 29, 2024. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Colleen Gallagher. 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 GARTH S. ESTADT, late of Scott Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died June 27, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate have been issued to CHRISTIE L. ESTADT, 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, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Biden Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted in the **ESTATE OF ROBERT E. EVANS**, deceased, late of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died December 16, 2024). All persons indebted to the Estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands are required to present the same without delay to **JASON EVANS**, Administrator c/o JUDITH G. PRICE, ESQ., LAW OFFICES OF JUDITH PRICE, L.L.C., 410 BIDEN STREET, SUITE 302, SCRANTON, PA 18503.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 17, 2025, Fran Kovaleski, Lackawanna County Register of Wills, granted Letters Testamentary, in common form, for the **ESTATE OF BOYD L. VAIL**, late of Scott Township, PA, to **SUSAN E. MALAR**. Mr. Vail passed on July 4, 2025. Anyone having a claim against the Estate, please contact Lance J. Fanucci, Esquire, 300 Betty Street, Suite 2, Eynon, PA 18403, phone 570.489.0098.

ESTATE OF JOHANNA G. GALENAS, Estate No. 35-25-00914, deceased, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA, died April 27, 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 payments, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Administrator **Jeffrey Galenas** c/o Atty. Anthony C. Lomma, 3703 Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA 18507.

ESTATE OF EMILIE S. DEITER, late of the City of Scranton, died June, 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 the decedent shall make payments thereof, without delay to Peoples Security Bank & Trust Company, Executor, 150 N. Washington Avenue, Second Floor, Scranton, PA 18503, or Attorney Robert C. Robinson, 336 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

ESTATE OF MARION EDMONDSON, late of Scranton, PA (died December 22, 2023), Letters of Administration having been granted to Lorilinn A. O'Boyle. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said Estate will make payment immediately, and those having claims will present them for settlement to Lorilinn O'Boyle, Administratrix or to Tulli DeLuca, Attorney for the Estate, 381 N. 9th Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF VIOLA R. SLACHTISH**, deceased, late of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, 18447, who died on April 29, 2025. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are to present the same, without delay, to the Executor, Lisa A. Welsch or Scott R. Sanderson, Attorney for the Estate - 1 Terrace Drive, Olyphant, Pennsylvania 18447.

Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF JAMES MCANDREW**, late of the Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna, to Nancy McAndrew, Executrix. All persons having claims against the Estate are requested to present them in writing and all persons indebted to the Estate are to make payment to the Estate in care of James J. Powell, III, Esquire, Powell Zero Mundy, 527 Linden Street, Scranton, PA 18503.

ERNEST L. RUSH, JR. aka ERNEST L. RUSH, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died May 12, 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 Brian Rush, Executor, c/o Attorney Scott Lynett, The Law Office of Scott Lynett, 310 Penn Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

Second Notice

ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. MARION a/k/a PATRICIA MARION, DECEASED, late of Archbald, 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., 17 Old Mill Road, Jermyn, PA 18433.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN G. BETTUM, deceased, late of 401 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are

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requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to: Linda Cobb Executrix of the Estate of Stephen G. Beitum 410 Broad Street Milford, PA 18337 Or his attorney, Nicholas J. McIntyre, Esq., 410 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337.

ESTATE OF REBECCA JANE TANNER, late of Hallstead, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died June 8, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate have been issued to RUTH HENDERICKSON, 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, or to John J. McGovern, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 321 Biden Street - Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

ANDREW F. BAUER, Deceased. Late of Scranton City, Lackawanna County, PA. D.O.D. 5/6/25. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Robert G. Bauer, Executor, c/o John F. Walsh, Esq., P.O. Box 445, Blue Bell, PA 19422-0702. Atty.: John F. Walsh, P.O. Box 445, Blue Bell, PA 19422-0702

JAMES WILLIAM GORTON, Deceased. Late of Throop Boro, Lackawanna County, PA. D.O.D. 6/1/23. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Elizabeth Mattioli, Administratrix, c/o Hilary A. Fuelleborn, Esq., 1260 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA 19053. Atty.: Hilary A. Fuelleborn, Dilworth Paxson LLP, 1260 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA 19053

KURT GRUENSFELDER, Deceased. Late of Scranton City, Lackawanna County, PA. D.O.D. 4/26/25. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mark C. Gruensfelder, Executor, c/o Laura M. Mercuri, Esq., 104 N. York Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040. Atty.: Laura M. Mercuri, Duffy North, 104 N. York Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040

PETER A. SABIA, SR., Deceased. Late of Dunmore Borough, Lackawanna County, PA. D.O.D. 12/14/24. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Lisa Sabia Calciano, 111 Memorial Dr., Elmhurst Twp., PA 18444 and Peter A. Sabia, Jr., 402 Willow St., Dunmore, PA 18512, Executors. Atty.: Kimberly J. Scott, Nachmias Morris & Alt LLC, 605 Main St., #212, Riverton, NJ 08077

ESTATE OF CAROL M. SANTARSIERO, late of Moosic, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died April 26, 2025). Letters Testamentary in the above estate 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 estate shall make payment thereof without delay to Robert J. Santarsiero, Executor, 200

Spring Street, Moosic, PA 18507, or to John M. Price, Oliver, Price & Rhodes, LLP, Attorneys for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411.

ESTATE OF JOHANNA G. GALENAS, Estate No. 35-25-00914, Deceased, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA died April 27, 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 payments, and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to the Administrator Jeffrey Galenas c/o Atty. Anthony C. Lomma, 3703 Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA 18507.

ESTATE of FRANCES M. SARDO, late of the Township of South Abington, Pennsylvania (died June 3, 2025). Notice is hereby given that the Letters of Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to Philip S. Sardo, Archbald, 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 Nicholas D. Tellie, Esquire, Tellie & Coleman, P.C., 310 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE ROTH a/k/a ELIZABETH L. ROTH, late of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (died June 19, 2025) Executor, PAUL J. COBB, 316 Emerywood Dr., Morehead City, NC 28557, Smith & Smith Group, PLLC, Attorney for the Estate, 10491 Ben C. Pratt/6 Mile Cypress Pky., Box 256, Ft. Myers, Florida 33966. (570-815-5447)

ESTATE of GEORGE J. HOBBS, late of Carbondale, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Date of Death September 17, 2012. Letters of Testamentary in the above Estate having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of Decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to Evelyn Ann Hobbs, Personal Representative, or to Joseph S. Toczydlowski, Jr., Esquire of the Toczydlowski Law Office, 723 North Main Street, Archbald, PA, 18403.

ESTATE OF EDMUND A. CHAMPLIN, late of Newton Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died June 7, 2025). Notice is hereby given that the Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Edmund A. Champlin have been issued to Brian P. Champlin, 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 Brian P. Champlin, Executor c/o William J. Rinaldi, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate. Suite 600, 538 Biden Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Camber Williams, Executor of the **ESTATE OF MILDRED F. WILLIAMS**, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died February 12, 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 the Executor, c/o Biagio V. Musto, II, Esquire, 171 Williams Street, Pittston, PA 18640.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF MARIE**

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A DRAGWA, late of Fell Township, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (died April 14, 2025). All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payments and all those having claims or demands are to present the same, without delay to Terry Dragwa and Josephine Cino, Co-Executors of the Estate or Sean P. McGraw, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 41 N. Main Street, 4th Floor, Carbondale, PA 18407.

ESTATE OF ALLEN SAMES, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania (died April 20, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Allen Sames has been issued to Carmella Sames, 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 717 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505 or to Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP, Attorney for the Estate, 425 Biden Street, Suite 200, Scranton, PA 18503.

Third Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF ANETTA DEANGELO**, late of Waverly Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died on February 3, 2025. All persons indebted to the estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to: Clel Ann Tomlinson and David DeAngelo, Co-Executors c/o Edward P. Seeber, Esquire, JSDC Law Offices, Suite C-400, 555 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

ESTATE OF MADELYN FALZONE a/k/a MADELYN E. FALZONE, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, 18512, died June 5, 2025. All persons having claims against the Estate or indebted to the Estate shall make payment or present claims to Paul Sekely, Executor, or J. Joseph Grady, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 2333 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. FELDCAMP, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, 18509, died June 24, 2025. All persons having claims against the Estate or indebted to the Estate shall make payment or present claims to J. Joseph Grady, Esquire, Executor and Attorney for the Estate, 2333 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL C. FERRETT, late of the Borough of Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died March 2, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been issued to Kathleen D. Ferrett, Executrix of the 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 or to Guy N. Valvano, Esquire 117 W. Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512 Attorney for the Estate.

ESTATE EDWARD KALIN aka EDWARD KALIN, late of the borough of Moosic died 05/30/25 Letters of Administration granted to Barbara Mercanti, Terrence V Gallagher Attorney for the Estate, 416 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510. Notice is hereby given that 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 Executrix name.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. LAMM, late of the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died August 7, 2024). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been issued to David A. Lamm, Executor of the 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 Executor or to Guy N. Valvano, Esquire 117 W. Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512 Attorney for the Estate.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH M. MENICHELLO, late of South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died May 31, 2025). Letters of Administration 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 Kelly Menichiello, Administrator, 234 Midway Avenue, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411, or to James J. Gillotti, of Oliver, Price & Rhodes, Attorney for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411.

ESTATE OF KAREN MULDERIG late of Blakely, Lackawanna County, PA (died June 1, 2025). 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 Sean Patrick Mulderig, 14 Margaret Avenue, Archbald, PA 18403, Executor of the Estate or to Jane M. Carlonas, Esquire, 1212 S. Abington Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE O'MALLEY aka M. CATHERINE O'MALLEY aka KAY O'MALLEY aka MARY CATHERINE KAY O'MALLEY**, late of Moosic, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died April 30, 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 Executor, John Todd O'Malley, or John J. Lawler, Jr., Attorney for the Estate, 25 North Main Street, Suite Two, Carbondale, Pennsylvania 18407. JOHN J. LAWLER, JR., ESQUIRE

ESTATE OF JASON C. PETCH, late of the Township of Scott, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died February 18, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the above estate have been issued to Jeremy P. Petch, Administrator of the 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 Administrator or to Guy N. Valvano, Esquire 117 W. Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512 Attorney for the Estate.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN ZISKOWSKI aka MARY ZISKOWSKI late of the Borough of Archbald, Lackawanna County, PA. Francis J. Ziskowski, c/o David W. Crosson, Esq., Crosson & Richetti LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 301, Allentown, PA 18101, Executor.

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DEBORAH J. PEACOCK :
 3630 Southview Ave. : IN THE COURT OF COMMON
 Wantagh, New York 11793 : PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA
 : COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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 Plaintiff : CIVIL ACTION - LAW
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 vs. :
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 UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS :
 AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR :
 ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, :
 TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER :
 JOHN NYBORG and LILI TORRES-NYBORG :
 [husband and wife] and DELFINA NYBORG, :
 or their Estates :
 as may be DECEASED :
 With the Last Known Addresses of :
 Record being :
 2512 Morgan Ave., Bronx NY 10469; :
 2180 Bronx Park East, Bronx NY 10462; and :
 213 Nagle Ave., New York, NY 10034 :
 :
 Defendants : 2025-CV-3598

Plaintiff has filed an ACTION TO QUIET TITLE to divest you of any possible interest campsite **Lot 786, Bluebird Drive, as shown on Map of Section S-8 of Eagle Lake, as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Lackawanna County in Map Book No. 6A at Page 868 at Tax Parcel # 22002090786** YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIMS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU MUST TAKE ACTION WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE COMPLAINT AND NOTICE ARE SERVED, BY ENTERING A WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY OR BY ATTORNEY MAILING IN WRITING TO 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. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CAN NOT 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 St., Pittston, PA 18640, (570) 299-4100 PA Lawyer Referral Service, Lackawanna Bar Assoc., 338 North Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18503, (570) 969-9600

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Covington Twp, PA 18424 : PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA
: COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
:
PLAINTIFF : CIVIL ACTION - LAW
vs. :

UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS :
AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR :
ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, :
TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER : ACTION TO QUIET TITLE
JAMES H. FREY AND :
MARIA J. FREY [HUSBAND AND WIFE] :
or their Estates :
as they may be DECEASED :
With the Last Known Address of :
Record being :
RRI, Covington Twp, PA 18444 :
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And :
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321 North 2nd St :
Harrison, New Jersey 07029 :
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Defendants : 2025-CV-4214

Plaintiff has filed an ACTION TO QUIET TITLE to divest you of any possible interest campsite Lot (s) No. WD2 LOT 136, OAK PLACE, as shown on Map of Section WD2 of Eagle Lake, as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Lackawanna County in Map Book No. 6A at Page 637 at Tax Parcel # 22701 020 136. YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIMS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU MUST TAKE ACTION WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE COMPLAINT AND NOTICE ARE SERVED, BY ENTERING A WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY OR BY ATTORNEY MAILING IN WRITING TO 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. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CAN NOT 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 St., Pittston, PA 18640, (570) 299-4100 PA Lawyer Referral Service, Lackawanna Bar Assoc., 338 North Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18503, (570) 969-9600

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