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JUDGES & COURT/MOTIONS SCHEDULE

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Judge	Motions Court Schedule.
DiSalle, John (PJ) CR#2	Tu 9:15a for Criminal Cases; Th 9:15a for Orphans' Court (copy of motion to be served prior to Audit Atty). "Until further order, all motions, incl. Criminal & Orphans' Court, shall be handled remotely via email or fax to chambers. Filing party must notify all necessary parties that a motion is being filed and if motion is contested. Contested motions shall include a scheduling order. Motions for Modification of Bail or Release from Probation must be circulated first to Probation/Pretrial Services & DA's Office for acknowledgment of objection or consent."
Gilman, Gary CR#1	Tu, W, Th and Fr at 9:15a. Judge of the Term, Criminal (Sep, Nov) Call staff to schedule the presentation of the motion. Motions will be heard in person. However, if counsel wishes to be present via an advanced communication device (ACD), please call staff to make arrangements. Further, opposing counsel must be notified that ACD will be used.
Costanzo, Valarie CR#3	Judge of the Term, Criminal (Aug, Oct, Dec) Motions on Tu, Thurs at 9:15am Until further notice, all motions shall be handled remotely via email to chambers. Motions shall be emailed to lorent-nifer.houpt@washingtoncourts.us . Motions instructions and courtroom procedures at http://www.washingtoncourts.us/194/Valarie-Costanzo . The moving party must strictly comply with procedures before court staff will forward the motion to Judge Costanzo. Pre-pandemic procedures resumed August 1.
Lucas, Michael CR#5	M 1:15p and Tu, W, Th 8:45a; also Fr 8:45a when Civil Judge of the Term, 1st-21st of each month. Judge Lucas will be out Nov. 8-12. Attorneys or Pro-Se Litigants with motions for Judge Lucas's assigned cases will have to choose an alternate date for presentation. Any emergency or General Civil Motion will be heard by Judge Neuman at 9:15 a.m.
Neuman, Brandon CR#4	Motions on Tu 9:15a (pro se & attys; motions due by noon on Fri) and Wed 9:15a (attys; motions due by noon on Mon). Starting Tues., June 1, all motions will be heard in person.
McDonald, Traci CR#7	W, Th 9:30 a. All motions will be heard remotely until further notice. All other proceedings will be handled in person. Filing party must notify all necessary parties and motions must include email addresses for all parties on the notice of presentment. Motions can be emailed to billie.jo.pustovrh@ and court.crier@washingtoncourts.us. Requests for appearance thru remote methods will be considered upon request, but must be approved a min. of 3 days in advance by contacting chambers.
Emery, Katherine (SJ) CR#6	Judge of the Term, Civil: 22nd to end of each month. <u>Uncontested Motions</u> —Original sent to chambers for signature; Judge's staff will file signed original, Pro will distribute copies. <u>Contested Motions</u> to be heard Tu, Th 9:30p by phone or at a time convenient to the parties. Upon request, a motion will be heard in person. Contested motion (original or filed copy) shall be sent to chambers for scheduling. Court will notify Movant of the date: movant shall notify all counsel/parties. <u>Emergency motions</u> may be dropped off to chambers at any time for scheduling.

COURT CALENDARS

Next Sheriff's Sales: Dec 3, No Sale in January, Feb 4

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Obiter Dictum

From the ABA Journal Daily Newsletter: [1] A federal judge in Miami has ordered a new trial for three men found guilty in a fraudulent sweepstakes scheme, after concluding that federal prosecutors had "knowingly invaded the defense camp" while lying to the court about it. The order originated because prosecutors received handwritten notes from a fourth defendant who attended defense meetings without disclosing that he had reached a plea deal with prosecutors, and where the other defendants were working together under a joint defense agreement. [2] A commercial pilot recently filed a lawsuit against Delta Airlines for allegedly stealing his idea for a text messaging app for flight crews. The pilot, who has worked for Delta for more than 11 years, spent more than \$100,000.00 of his own money on the app and presented it to Delta executives who, according to the complaint, advised him that the app did not meet its needs, but about a year later, Delta introduced a strikingly similar app. [3] In a recent decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, held that privately issued student loans may be discharged in bankruptcy. The ruling came in response to a motion to dismiss a case brought by a borrower who argued his private educational loans were discharged in bankruptcy, and in doing so, rejected the lenders argument that a provision in the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prevents a borrower from discharging "obligations to repay funds received as an education benefit, scholarship or stipend," the panel concluding that the provision in question "excepts from discharge a far narrower category of debt." [4] The Governor of Illinois recently signed into law a measure that bans deceptive tactics, such as knowingly communicating false facts about evidence or promising leniency without authorization, when questioning individuals who are under the age of 18. The law, which takes effect January 1, 2022, also provides that any oral, written or sign language confession made under these circumstances will be inadmissible in court unless prosecutors can prove "by a preponderance of the evidence that the confession was voluntarily given." Illinois is now the only state in the country that prohibits and bans such deceptive tactics. [5] Some cities and states are cutting the number of lower -level arrests with the aim of reducing violent encounters between police and the public. Available data on police shootings in 86 larger cities suggests the strategy is working. Cities that cut low level arrests by 50% or more had 57% fewer police shooting in 2019 than in 2013.

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ESTATE NOTICES

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Beaver, Michael P.

Late of Atlasburg Washington Co., PA File No. 63-21-1848

The Register of Wills has granted Letters on the Estate of the Decedent. Notice is hereby given to request all persons having claims against the decedent to make known the same to the Administrator or attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to the Administrator without delay.

Administrator: Christopher Beaver, 196 Railroad St., McDonald, PA 15057 Attorney: Thomas A. Will, Esq., Thomas A. Will & Assoc., One Gateway Ctr., Ste. 700, 420 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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Bowman, Whyndham Scott

Late of Washington Washington Co., PA

The Register of Wills has granted Letters on the Estate of the Decedent. Notice is hereby given to request all persons having claims against the decedent to make known the same to the Executrix or attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to the Executrix without delay.

Executrix: Ames B. Shea, 112 Rosewood Rd., Avon, CT 06001

Attorney: Kathleen Smith-Delach, Esq., Phillips, Phillips, Smith-Delach, P.C., 29 E. Beau St., Washington, PA 15301

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Cass, William Harold

a/k/a William H. Cass Late of Cecil Twp. Washington Co., PA File No. 63-21-1886

The Register of Wills has granted Letters on the Estate of the Decedent. Notice is hereby given to request all persons having claims against the decedent to make known the same to the Administrator or attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to the Administrator without delay.

Administrator: Jason Andrew Cass c/o Attorney: Benjamin Scott Johns, Esq., 411 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Cross, Rose Marie

Late of West Brownsville Washington Co., PA

The Register of Wills has granted Letters on the Estate of the Decedent. Notice is hereby given to request all persons having claims against the decedent to make known the same to the Executor or attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to the Executor without delay.

Executor: Deborah McKnight c/o Attorney: Michael A. Aubele, Esq., Davis & Davis Law Offices, 107 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA 15401

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Crumrine II, Michael John

Late of Washington Washington Co., PA

The Register of Wills has granted Letters on the Estate of the Decedent. Notice is hereby given to request all persons having claims against the decedent to make known the same to the Administratrix or attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to the Administratrix without delay.

Administratrix: Corina Crumrine, 420 Brad Ave., Washington, PA 15301 Attorney: Kathleen Smith-Delach, Esq., Phillips, Phillips & Smith-Delach, 29 E. Beau St., Washington, PA 15301

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