ESTATE AND TRUST NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that, in the estates of the decedents set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the persons named. Notice is also hereby given of the existence of the trusts of the deceased settlors set forth below for whom no personal representatives have been appointed within 90 days of death. All persons having claims or demands against said estates or trusts are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estates or trusts are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or administrators or trustees or to their attorneys named below.

FIRST PUBLICATION

ALFANO, JAMES D., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, PA Executor: David James Alfano c/o Kevin Frank Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 Attorneys: Kevin Frank Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

BROWN, ELLEN M., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, PA Co-Executors: William H. Brown, Jr., and Dawn M. Wagner c/o Lisa A. Pereira, Esquire, Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P., 38 West Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 Attorneys: Lisa A. Pereira, Esquire, Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P., 38 West Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

CLEINOW, PAUL D., dec'd.

Late of Easton, Northampton County, PA

Administrator: Marcell G. Cleinow c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire, Prokup & Swartz, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051-1616

Attorneys: Jon A. Swartz, Esquire, Prokup & Swartz, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051-1616

DELEMOS, DOLORES M. a/k/a DOLORES LOPES DELEMOS, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Maria Helena Alves c/o Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

Attorney: Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

DOUGHERTY, RENEE E., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executor: Lamar F. Dougherty c/o Robert Pandaleon, Esquire, 847 N. Wahneta St, Allentown, PA 18109

Attorney: Robert Pandaleon, Esquire, 847 N. Wahneta St., Allentown, PA 18109

FERRETTI, THOMAS ROBERT a/k/a THOMAS R. FERRETTI, dec'd.

Late of Northampton Borough, Northampton County, PA Administrator: Justin Thomas Ferretti c/o Andrew S. Rusniak, Esquire, 51 S. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602

Attorney: Andrew S. Rusniak, Esquire, Stevens & Lee, P.C., 51 S. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602

HORVATH, SUSAN JANE, dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Jennifer Lynn Smith c/o Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Attorneys: Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

LITZENBERGER, JANE L., dec'd.
Late of the Borough of Hellertown,
Northampton County, PA
Co-Executors: Sara Elizabeth
Polefka and Gregory Samuel
Litzenberger c/o Goudsouzian &
Associates, 2940 William Penn
Highway, Easton PA 18045
Attorneys: Goudsouzian &
Associates, 2940 William Penn
Highway, Easton PA 18045

RESLER, LOUIS W., dec'd.

Late of Hanover Township,
Northampton County, PA
Executor: Dennis William Resler
c/o Douglas J. Tkacik, Esquire,
18 East Market Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Attorney: Douglas J. Tkacik,
Esquire, 18 East Market Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018

REYNOLDS, SUSAN JANE, dec'd.

Late of Hanover Township,
Northampton County, PA
Administrator: Scott David
Reynolds c/o Douglas J. Tkacik,
Esquire, 18 East Market Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Attorney: Douglas J. Tkacik,
Esquire, 18 East Market Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018

TRENGE, RICHARD G., dec'd.
Late of Walnutport, Northampton
County, PA
Executrix: Cheryl Ann Strohl c/o
Dolores A. Laputka, Esquire,
Norris McLaughlin, P.A., 515 W.
Hamilton Street, Ste. 502,
Allentown, PA 18101

Attorneys: Dolores A. Laputka, Esquire, Norris McLaughlin, P.A., 515 W. Hamilton Street, Ste. 502, Allentown, PA 18101

URBAN, MARIE D., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Lower Nazareth, Northampton County, PA

Executor: Donald Alexander Urban c/o Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Attorneys: Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

WEDDE, RUTH ANN, dec'd.

Late of Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Executor: Michael George Wedde c/o Alfred S. Pierce, Esquire, Pierce & Steirer, LLC, 124 Belvidere Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Attorneys: Alfred S. Pierce, Esquire, Pierce & Steirer, LLC, 124 Belvidere Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

WILDRICK, ANN L., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Dawn Lynn Rutt c/o Dionysios C. Pappas, Esquire, Vasiliadis Pappas Associates, LLC, 2551 Baglyos Circle, Suite A-14, Bethlehem, PA 18020 Attorneys: Dionysios C. Pappas, Esquire, Vasiliadis Pappas Associates, LLC, 2551 Baglyos Circle, Suite A-14, Bethlehem, PA 18020

YACKANICZ, GABRIELLA P., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executor: Nicholas J. Yackanicz Jr., c/o Rebecca M. Young,

Esquire, Lia K. Snyder, Esquire, Young & Young, 119 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062 Attorneys: Rebecca M. Young, Esquire, Lia K. Snyder, Esquire, Young & Young, 119 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062

YOUNG, PAULINE R., dec'd. Late of the Borough of Nazareth,

Northampton County, PA
Co-Executors: Carol Pauline
Fogel and Wayne Harold Young
c/o Peters, Moritz, Peischl,
Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP,
1 South Main Street, Nazareth,
PA 18064

Attorneys: Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

SECOND PUBLICATION

BEIL, LaRue L., dec'd.

Late of Easton, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Carla L. Swigart c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, Steckel and Stopp, LLC, 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080

Attorneys: Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, Steckel and Stopp, LLC, 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080

BELLIS, CHARLES E., III, dec'd.
Late of the Township of Palmer,
Northampton County, PA
Executor: Mr. Thomas Bellis c/o
Robert A. Nitchkey, Jr., Esquire,
5 North 16th Street, Suite 4,
Easton, PA 18042
Attorney: Robert A. Nitchkey, Jr.,
Esquire, 5 North 16th Street,
Suite 4, Easton, PA 18042

BURDEK, KATHLEEN A., dec'd. Late of Forks Township, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Lisa R. Clyburn c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101 Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

FENNELL, ALVIE C., SR., dec'd.
Late of City of Bethelehem,
Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Anita E. Scott-Fennell
c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba,
P.C., Two City Center, 645 West
Hamilton Street, Suite 800,
Allentown, PA 18101
Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz &
Bubba, P.C., Two City Center,
645 West Hamilton Street, Suite
800, Allentown, PA 18101

GROMAN, CYNTHIA LOUISE, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Abigail May Compton c/o Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

Attorney: Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

GROMAN, HELEN V., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Abigail May Compton c/o Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

Attorney: Ellen M. Kraft, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8475

LOHRMAN, HELEN MAE, dec'd. Late of the Township of Palmer, Northampton County, PA Executor: Greg David Lohrman c/o Beth A. Knickerbocker, Esquire, 601 Stones Crossing, Suite A5, Easton, PA 18045

Attorney: Beth A. Knickerbocker, Esquire, 601 Stones Crossing, Suite A5, Easton, PA 18045

LUCEY, JAMES E., dec'd.

Late of Easton, Northampton County, PA

Co-Executrices: Allison Lucey and Carolyn Calvey, c/o Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

MALINOWSKI, MATTHEW A., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Palmer, Northampton County, PA Administratrix: Lee Ann Maciujec, 1032 Treeline Dr., Allentown, PA 18103

MERLI, RAYMOND, D. dec'd.

Late of Forks Township, Northampton County, PA Administratrix: Patricia A. Merli c/o Tara A. Eckels, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017 Attorney: Tara A. Eckels, Esquire, 4510 Bath Pike, Suite 201, Bethlehem, PA 18017

ORDINSKY, JOHN W., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Wilson, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Judith Lee Ordinsky c/o Keene Jabbour, Esquire, 701 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042

Attorney: Keene Jabbour, Esquire, 701 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042

QUINONES, MELVIN, dec'd.

Late of 2324 Kemmerer Street, Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Co-Administratrix: Cassondra Quinones and Rachel M.

Quinones c/o David M. Roth Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Attorneys: David M. Roth Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

RAFFERTY, BERNARD J., dec'd.

Late of 4325 Winfield Terrace, Easton, Northampton County, PA

Personal Representative: Rosemary E. Rafferty c/o David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105

Attorneys: David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105

STEVENS, RICHARD, III, dec'd. Late of Lower Saucon Township,

Northampton County, PA Executrix: Rinalda Stevens Walker c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101 Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite

800, Allentown, PA 18101 **SUPECK. JAMES R..** dec'd..

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Administratrix: Starly Lynn Espinal c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101 Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

SWEENEY, RAMONA, dec'd.

Late of Easton, Northampton County, PA

Administrator: James Francis Sweeney c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire, Steckel and Stopp, LLC, 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080

Attorneys: Stephen A. Strack, Esquire, Steckel and Stopp, LLC, 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080

THIRD PUBLICATION

BELCHUNES, JOSEPH S., JR., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, PA Administratrix: Karen D. Kaar c/o Richard J. Haber, Esquire,

150 West Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 Attorney: Richard J. Haber,

Attorney: Richard J. Haber, Esquire, 150 West Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

CORRELL, ELIZABETH G., dec'd. Late of the Township of Palmer, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Kathleen Jane Correll, c/o George M. Vasiliadis, Esquire, Vasiliadis Pappas Associates, LLC, 2551 Baglyos Circle, Suite A-14, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Attorneys: George M. Vasiliadis, Esquire, Vasiliadis Pappas Associates, LLC, 2551 Baglyos Circle, Suite A-14, Bethlehem, PA 18020

CROSSLEY, ANNE E., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Rebecca M. Young, Esquire 119 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062

Attorney: Rebecca M. Young, Esquire, 119 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062

EGGE, RITA A., dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Lauren Gabrielli c/o Robert E. Donatelli, Esquire, Crosson & Richetti LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 301, Allentown, PA 18101 Attorneys: Robert E. Donatelli, Esquire, Crosson & Richetti LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 301, Allentown, PA 18101

HARTUNG, MYRA J., dec'd.

Late of Williams Twp., Northampton County, PA Co-Executrices: Linda M. Preston and Loretta S. Murray Attorneys: Faloni Law Offices, 166 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

HUGHES, CHARIS W., dec'd.

Late of Hellertown, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Vyanna Lynn Young-Davis c/o Noonan Law Office, 526 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18101-2394

Attorneys: Noonan Law Office, 526 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18101-2394

JOHNSON, EARLE J., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Constantine M. Vasiliadis, Esquire, Kolb, Vasiliadis, Florenz & Recchiuti, LLC, 60 W. Broad Street, Suite 303, Bethlehem, PA 18018-5721 Attorneys: Constantine M. Vasiliadis, Esquire, Kolb, Vasiliadis, Florenz & Recchiuti, LLC, 60 W. Broad Street, Suite 303, Bethlehem, PA 18018-5721

MILLER, ALMA, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Upper Nazareth, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Maryann R. Deutsch c/o Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP,1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Attorneys: Peters, Moritz, Peischl, Zulick, Landes & Brienza, LLP, 1 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

QUEAR, PAUL R., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Pen Argyl, Northampton County, PA Administrator: Robert P. Quear, 22 Market Street, P.O. Box 19, Bangor, PA 18013-0019 Attorney: David J. Ceraul, Esquire, 22 Market Street, P.O. Box 19, Bangor, PA 18013-0019

REAGAN, BEATRICE, dec'd.

County, PA Executor: Robert Reagan, Jr. c/o David B. Schwartz, Esquire, 514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2, Whitehall, PA 18052

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton

Attorney: David B. Schwartz, Esquire, 514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2, Whitehall, PA 18052

RIVERA, ELMINDA, dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Executor: Vidal Rivera, Jr., 425 West 4th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Attorney: Gary Neil Asteak, Esquire, 726 Walnut Street, Easton, PA 18042

RUCH, ANGELINE A., dec'd.

Late of Hellertown, Northampton County, PA

Executrix: Cheryl Ann Bauder c/o Douglas J. Tkacik, Esquire, 18 East Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 Attorney: Douglas J. Tkacik,

Attorney: Douglas J. Tkacık, Esquire, 18 East Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

RUDOLPH, JUDITH A., dec'd.

Late of Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA Co-Executors: Richard G. Rudolph, Jr. and Jeffrey A. Rudolph c/o Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Esquire, Prokup & Swartz, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051-1616 Attorneys: Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Esquire, Prokup & Swartz, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051-1616

SUPECK, BARBARA J., dec'd., Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Sheri E. Helfrich c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101 Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

VASQUEZ, ROBERT J., dec'd. Late of Bethlehem, Northampton

County, PA
Executor: Mark Manuel Vasquez
c/o Christopher T. Spadoni,
Esquire, 1413 Easton Ave, P.O.
Box 522, Bethlehem, PA 18018
Attorney: Christopher T.
Spadoni, Esquire, 1413 Easton
Ave, P.O. Box 522, Bethlehem,
PA 18018

WASHBURN, JOYCE A., dec'd.

Executrix: Donna Marie Washburn c/o Douglas J. Tkacik, Esquire, 18 East Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 Attorney: Douglas J. Tkacik, Esquire, 18 East Market Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

WHITE, LUCRETIA S., dec'd.

Late of City of Easton, Northampton County, PA Executrix: Arden Maier c/o Ralph J. Bellafatto, 4480 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045

Attorney: Ralph J. Bellafatto, 4480 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045

YETTER, MELVIN G., dec'd., Late of Upper Mt. Bethel Northampton County, PA

10/09/2025

Co-Executors: Tim George Yetter and Dale Melvin Yetter, 22 Market Street, P.O. Box 19, Bangor, PA 18013-0019 Attorney: David J. Ceraul

Attorney: David J. Ceraul, Esquire, 22 Market Street, P.O. Box 19, Bangor, PA 18013-0019

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation for a business corporation were filed for

FTW DOG TRAINING INC

with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The registered office is located at 5498 Route 378, Bethlehem, PA 18015-9075 in Northampton County. This corporation is incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

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NOTICE OF NON-PROFIT INCORPORATION LAFAYETTE MEN'S LACROSSE PARENT ORGANIZATION

was incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

Oct. 9

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of September, 2025, the Petition of Farha Amira Al-Gazzali-Walters was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas as No. C-48-CV-2025-08451, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Farha Amira Al-Gazzali-Walters to Margaret MacKay. The Court has fixed Friday, October 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., in Motions Court at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for the hearing of the Petition, All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 24, 2025, the Petition of Samantha Rosemarie Long was filed in Northampton County Court Common Pleas o f C48CV202509262, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Samantha Rosemarie Long to Samantha Rosemarie Montanez-Long. The court has fixed Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in Motion's Court at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for hearing the Petition. All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Oct. 9

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 9th day of September, 2025, the petition of Jah-nasia Washington was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas at No. C-48-CV-2025-08722, seeking to change the name of a minor child from Ke'mari Matthias King Houston to Ke'mari Matthias King Washington. The court has fixed Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Motions Court at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for hearing of the Petition. All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Oct. 9

NOTICE OF INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Three Mopeds;

Blue 1999 Tomos Targa TTLX, VIN# ZZ1A62122XK011224.

Green 1996 Tomos Targa LX, VIN# ZZ1A6612XTK959453.

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Black 1996 Tomos Targa TTLX, VIN# ZZ1AA30114KK727099.

October 30th at 10 a.m., Courtroom #4, Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CIVIL ACTION—LAW

IN DIVORCE KARANDEEP SINGH SAGGU,

Plaintiff

AYESHA JAHANGIR.

Defendant

NO.: C-0048-CV-2024-456 DIVORCE COMPLAINT COUNT 1—DIVORCE

- 1. Plaintiff is KARANDEEP SINGH SAGGU, an adult individual who currently resides at 911A George Street, Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18042.
- 2. Defendant is AYESHA JAHANGIR, an adult individual whose last known address was at 911A George Street, Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18042.
- Plaintiff has been a bona fide resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least six (6) months prior to the filing of this Complaint.
- 4. Plaintiff and Defendant were married on September 5, 2019, in Easton, Pennsylvania.
- 5. The marriage is irretrievably broken.
- 6. The parties separated on August
- 7. There has been no prior action of divorce between the parties.

8. Plaintiff has been advised of his right to request marriage counseling.

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9. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant is in the military or naval service of the United States or its allies within the provisions of the Service Members Civil Relief Act of 2003.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests this Honorable Court enter a Decree in Divorce.

> BRUCE A. THOMAS, ESQUIRE Attorney I.D. #44129 Attorney for Plaintiff

716 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042 (610) 559-9271

Oct. 9

IN THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS **ORPHANS' COURT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that. the following accounts in decedents estates, have been filed in the Office of the Orphans' Court of Northampton County, and that the same will be called for Confirmation on OCTOBER 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., IN COURTROOM #10, at which time the Courts will hear exceptions, and make distributions of the balances ascertained to be in the hands of the accountants.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. LETTICH. JR., Douglas J. Tkacik, Esquire and Dean C. Berg, Esquire

ESTATE OF GLORIA MAXINE SCHRECK, Gretchen Marsh Weitzman, Esquire

Patricia Manento Register Of Wills & Clerk Of Orphans Court Oct. 9, 16

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION—LAW

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE NO.: C-48-AD-2025

ORDER 2025-0009

MASTERS IN DIVORCE C-48CV-2025-9491

MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of October, 2025, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that Northampton County Local Rule N1920.51, relating to masters in divorce matters, shall be amended to reflect changes to masters' and stenographer fees, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

It is further **DIRECTED** that the Court Administrator of Northampton County shall comply with all publishing requirements set forth in Pa.R.J.A. 103(d)(5)-(6), such as: filing two (2) certified copies of this Order and Exhibit A with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*; filing one (1) certified copy of this Order and Exhibit A with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts; publishing a copy of this Order and Exhibit A on the Court's website; and incorporating these procedures into the complete set of Northampton County Local Rules no later than thirty (30) days following publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This rule shall become effective thirty (30) days from its publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

BY THE COURT: /s/Craig A. Dally CRAIG A. DALLY PRESIDENT JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

Rule N1920.51. Masters in Divorce Matters

(a) Motion for Appointment of Master. When any contested claims under the Divorce Code are at issue pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1920.51 and 1920.52, either party may file a motion for the appointment of a master on the form prescribed by Pa.R.C.P. 1920.74 with the Motion Judge or the Court Administrator.

(b) Masters.

- (1) The Court shall maintain a list of masters composed of members of the Bar of this Court who are willing to serve and are appointed by the Court to perform the duties set forth in subparagraph (g).
- (2) The Court shall appoint permanent masters who shall not engage in any private family law matters in Northampton County and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Court. In any action involving claims for alimony, counsel fees and expenses, the determination and distribution of marital property, the right to an annulment, or the validity of pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreement, the master shall conduct pre-hearing conferences and hearings, prepare reports making recommendations to the Court in cases referred to them.

(c) Appointment of Master.

- (1) Upon motion of either party for appointment of a master for claims involving alimony, counsel fees and expenses, the determination and distribution of marital property, the right to an annulment, or the validity of pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreements, the Court shall appoint a master.
- (2) Upon the filing of the motion for the appointment of a master, the moving party shall pay the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) to the Clerk of Courts—Civil. The fees shall be regarded as costs of the case upon final disposition. The master may enter such order concerning the allocation of costs as may appear just and reasonable.

- (3) A party may not file a motion for appointment of a master until thirty (30) days of filing an inventory, as prescribed by Pa.R.C.P 1920.33(a)(2).
- (d) Vital Statistics Form; Military Service. The party filing the motion for the appointment of a master shall file therewith the completed form of report required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, and the affidavit of non-military service under the Service members Civil Relief Act, if required.
- (e) Master's Duty to Determine Jurisdiction. Before fixing the time and place for taking of testimony, if any, the master shall examine the pleadings to determine the formal sufficiency and regularity of the proceeding, including the matter of jurisdiction. If in the opinion of the master, the proceeding is defective in any particular manner, the master shall report any defects to the Court with appropriate notice to counsel and any unrepresented party within twenty (20) days from appointment and shall suspend further action until the defect is cured. If the defect is not cured within a reasonable period of time, the master shall apply to the Court for instructions on how to proceed. When the master is satisfied as to the formal sufficiency of the proceeding, including jurisdiction. or when directed by the Court to proceed, the master shall thereafter promptly fix the time and place of taking testimony, if any.
- **(f) Notice of Hearing.** Not less than (10) days written notice of the time and place of the taking of testimony shall be given to both counsel or, in the absence of counsel, to any unrepresented party.
- (g) Masters; Duties. Upon appointment, the master, after giving the parties and/or counsel not less than ten (10) days written notice, shall schedule a preliminary pre-hearing conference or hearing.
 - (1) Both parties and their counsel shall attend any pre-hearing conference or hearing.

- (2) The parties with the aid of their counsel and the appropriate assistance of the master, shall determine those items which are contested and upon which testimony shall be taken at the scheduled hearing.
- (3) At the close of the pre-hearing conference, the master shall establish the time and place for the formal hearing and shall give not less than ten (10) days notice thereof by mail or email to counsel. If either party does not have counsel, then the ten (10) day notice shall be mailed directly to that party.
- (4) The master shall file a report consistent with Pa.R.C.P. 1920.53 and 1920.54.
- (h) Prepared Record in Uncontested Cases. Prior to the hearing in uncontested cases in divorce or annulment, the attorney for the plaintiff may prepare "Plaintiff's Record of Testimony," which shall be in writing, bearing the caption of the case, and shall include the following:
 - (1) affidavit regarding vital statistics;
 - (2) plaintiff's testimony, in question and answer or narrative form, signed and verified by plaintiff;
 - (3) any exhibits which shall have been specifically identified in the plaintiff's evidence; and
 - (4) the testimony of each of plaintiff's witnesses, in question and answer or narrative form, signed and verified by the witness.
- (i) Uncontested Hearings Using Prepared Record of Testimony. In cases using the Plaintiff's Record of Testimony, the master's hearing shall be conducted as follows:
 - (1) The plaintiff and all witnesses whose evidence has been prepared in advance shall be present and be sworn and affirmed.
 - (2) The plaintiff and the witnesses shall affirm their prerecorded evidence in the presence of the master.

- (3) The master may examine the plaintiff and the witnesses with respect to the evidence prepared in advance in order to evaluate the credibility of those offering prerecorded evidence, and, to this end, may interrogate the plaintiff and the witnesses as to any relevant matters, including any pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreement, whether or not included in the Plaintiff's Record of Testimony. If the master finds that the Plaintiff's Record of Testimony constitutes credible evidence, the master shall accept it and include it in the report in lieu of findings on the merits; provided, however, that the master certifies in the report:
 - i. that at the hearing and in the master's presence, the plaintiff and the witnesses offering prerecorded testimony were placed under oath or affirmation and were examined and that they, by credible evidence, substantiated the facts set forth in the Plaintiff's Record of Testimony; and
 - ii. that no witness who was sworn or affirmed presented testimony or evidence to the contrary of the facts set forth in Plaintiff's Record of Testimony.
- (j) Master's Report in Uncontested Cases. After the hearing wherein the Plaintiff's Record of Testimony has been accepted, the master shall prepare and file a report making recommendations in accordance with Pa.R.C.P. 1920.53 and 1920.54.

(k) Master's Fees.

- (1) The master shall be paid at a rate set forth by the Court Administrator.
- (2) In addition to the master's monthly and quarterly stipend, the master shall be compensated for completion of the hearing and report at an hourly rate set forth by the Court Administrator.
- (3) After holding a hearing and filing an accompanying report, the master shall petition the Court

- Administrator for compensation. The petition shall delineate the number of hours spent on the hearing and preparing the report.
- (4) If the parties reach a settlement agreement at the hearing and no report is necessary, the master shall petition the Court Administrator for compensation for the hearing.
- (5) The master's compensation for the hearing and report shall be capped at a rate set forth by the Court Administrator.

(l) Notes of Testimony—Contested Cases.

- (1) A stenographic record shall be made of the testimony in contested divorce hearings.
- (2) Following completion of the final hearing, the stenographer shall calculate the cost of transcription of the record. The cost of the transcript shall be split equally between the parties. Payment by the parties to the stenographer for the transcript shall be made within seven (7) days of the final hearing.
- (3) Upon receipt of payment by the parties, the stenographer shall release the transcript to the master. The master shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the transcript to issue a report and recommendation. Failure by the parties to make payment for the transcript in a timely manner will result in a delay in the master's report and recommendation.
- (4) The parties shall not be responsible for payment of the appearance fee for the stenographer.
- (m) Powers of Master. The master shall have the usual powers of a referee in equity in regard to the conduct of the hearing.
- (n) Return of Monies Deposited With the Court.

 Monies deposited with the Clerk of Courts—Civil for appointment of a master pursuant to this rule shall be returned to counsel for the party entitled thereto, or to any unrepresented party, if no action has been taken before the master within two (2) years from the

date of the appointment of a master. A motion must be accompanied by a certificate of the master that no action has been taken by the master. The Clerk of Courts-Civil shall determine whether any action has been taken in the lawsuit by reference to the docket entries and a certificate of the master.

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