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Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary or of administration have been granted to the following estates. All persons indebted to said estates are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the administrators or executors named.

#### **Third Publication**

#### LOUIS ANSELL, a/k/a LOUIS ANSELL,

**JR.**, late of Dunbar Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Administratrix: Renee E. Ansell c/o Webster & Webster 51 East South Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Webster & Webster

#### VIRGINIA MAE EBERHARTER, a/k/a VIRGINIA M. EBERHARTER, late of

Dunbar Township, Fayette County, PA (3) *Co-Executors*: James O. Rowan, Jr. and Wanda Brooks c/o PO Box 760 Connellsville, PA 15425 *Attorney*: Carolyn W. Maricondi

#### CONNIE L. HARSHMAN, a/k/a CONNIE

HARSHMAN, late of South Union Township, Fayette County, PA (3) *Executrix*: Jill Rowland c/o Zebley Mehalov & White, P.C. 18 Mill Street Square PO Box 2123 Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Daniel R. White

#### PARKER ANDREW HESS, a/k/a PARKER

A. HESS, late of Redstone Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

*Executrix*: Heather Hess Richards 311 Twin Hills Road Grindstone, PA 15442 c/o Meyers Evans Lupetin & Unatin, LLC 707 Grant Street, Suite 3200 Pittsburgh, PA 15219 *Attorney*: Brendan B. Lupetin

#### CHARLES W. LEWIS, SR., a/k/a CHARLES

**W. LEWIS**, late of Redstone Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

Personal Representative: Louise Miller c/o Davis & Davis 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: James T. Davis

#### JOHN D. MCGARVEY, a/k/a DAN

**MCGARVEY**, late of South Union Township, Fayette County, PA (3)

*Executor*: James E. Higinbotham, Jr. c/o Higinbotham Law Offices 45 East Main Street, Suite 500 Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: James E. Higinbotham, Jr.

#### DONALD M. SMALL, late of Connellsville

Township, Fayette County, PA (3) *Co-Executors*: Gilbert Lawrence Small and Chris Lawrence Small c/o Riverfront Professional Center 208 South Arch Street, Suite 2 Connellsville, PA 15425 *Attorney*: Richard A. Husband

# DOROTHY LOUISE MOORE WILSON, a/k/a DOROTHY LOUISE WILSON, late of

Belle Vernon Borough, Fayette County, PA (3) *Co-Executors*: Lance Wilson 104 Grata Street Belle Vernon, PA 15012 and Craig S. Wilson 937 Leeds Avenue Monessen, PA 15062 c/o Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, P.C. PO Box 144 111 Fallowfield Avenue Charleroi, PA 15022 *Attorney*: Bradley M. Bassi

#### **Second Publication**

#### MANSFIELD BRANSON, late of Uniontown,

Fayette County, PA (2) Administratrix: Brandy Whitehead 175 Seven Road Sewickley, PA 15143 c/o 320 South Maple Avenue Greensburg, PA 15601 Attorney: James M. Fox

#### FRANCES T. COLDREN, late of Uniontown,

Fayette County, PA (2) *Executor*: Fred C. Adams c/o Adams and Adams 55 East Church Street, Suite 101 Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Jason F. Adams

#### MILDRED G. HACKETT, late of Uniontown,

Fayette County, PA (2) Personal Representative: John R. Hackett c/o Davis and Davis 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Gary F. Frankhouser

#### HARRY JAMES STAFFORD, III, a/k/a HARRY J. STAFFORD, III, a/k/a HARRY J.

**STAFFORD**, late of Dunbar Township, Fayette County, PA (2)

Administratrix: Kimberly Murphy 114 Jimtown Road Dawson, PA 15428 c/o 201 North Chestnut Street P.O. Box 342 Scottdale, PA 15683 Attorney: James S. Lederach

#### LINDA TUTTLE, a/k/a LINDA K. TUTTLE,

late of Wharton Township, Fayette County, PA  $_{\rm (2)}$ 

*Executor*: Allen W. Tuttle, Jr. c/o 556 Morgantown Road Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: John A. Kopas, III

#### STEPHEN J. UTLAK, late of Uniontown,

Fayette County, PA (2) *Executrix*: Jackie Wilhelm c/o Adams and Adams 55 East Church Street, Suite 101 Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Jason F. Adams

### **First Publication**

#### JOHN A. BODNAR, JR., late of Perryopolis

Borough, Fayette County, PA (1) *Executor*: Brian J. Bodnar c/o 4 North Beeson Boulevard Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Sheryl R. Heid

#### LOIS ANN BOHNA, a/k/a LOIS A. BOHNA,

late of Luzerne Township, Fayette County, PA *Executrix*: Danielle A. Bohna (1) c/o Higinbotham Law Offices 45 East Main Street, Suite 500 Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: James E. Higinbotham, Jr.

#### JOSEPH JOHN BORSODY, a/k/a JOSEPH

#### J. BORSODY, SR., late of Luzerne Township,

Fayette County, PA (1) Personal Representative: Bethanne Natali c/o Davis and Davis 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: James T. Davis

#### EDNA E. DAWSON, late of Masontown

Borough, Fayette County, PA (1) *Personal Representative*: Joann Peshko c/o Davis and Davis 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Gary J. Frankhouser

#### THERESA L. DIEHL DUNSTON, a/k/a THERESA L. DIEHL, a/k/a THERESA LORAINE DIEHL DUNSTON, late of

Redstone Township, Fayette County, PA (1) *Executrix*: Susan Lynn Mullen Ledford c/o 9 Court Street Uniontown, PA 15401 *Attorney*: Vincent J Roskovensky, II

#### SAMANTHA S. GALLENTINE, a/k/a SAMANTHA S. STICKEL GALLENTINE,

late of Connellsville, Fayette County, PA (1) *Executor*: Gary M. Gallentine c/o P.O. Box 760 Connellsville, PA 15425 *Attorney*: Carolyn W. Maricondi

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION NO.6 ADOPT 2018

IN RE: ADOPTION OF SHI'LEIGH PISHKO

#### NOTICE

TO: Unknown, Unknown (Father)

A petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, Shi'leigh Pishko. The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held in Courtroom No. 4 of the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.. 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 child may be ended by the court without your being there.

YOU HAVE Α RIGHT TO BF 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. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

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.

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#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., before The Honorable Joseph M. George, Jr., in Courtroom No. 5,of the Fayette County Courthouse, for the sale of the South Side Elementary School by the Connellsville Area Board of School Directors.

Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned hearing to offer testimony in favor of or in opposition to the proposed sale.

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#### **TRUSTEE NOTICE**

Virginia D. Goodall, late of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having created THE VIRGINIA D. GOODALL REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2010, appointed Richard C. Goodall, as Trustee, and notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said trust to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

> Richard C. Goodall, Trustee 129 Ruth Place Belle Vernon, PA 15012 Or to: John W. Ament, Esq. AMENT LAW GROUP, PC 3950 William Penn Highway Murrysville, PA 15668 724-765-0440

#### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Act 295 of December 16, 1982, P.L. 1309, that a Certificate was filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on or about April 11, 2018 to conduct a business in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, under the assumed or fictitious name of RCG America, with the principal place of business at 1015B Blackstone Road, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, 15425. The name or names and addresses of persons owning and interested are CAP EWG Glass, LLC, of 1015B Blackstone Road, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, 15425.

Jarod Illar, Esquire Watson Mundorff & Sepic, LLP 720 Vanderbilt Road Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425

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Jarod Illar, Esquire Watson Mundorff & Sepic, LLP 720 Vanderbilt Road Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425

#### NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION – LAW NO. 2469 of 2017, G.D.

#### JAMES BIELECKI and BARBARA BIELECKI, his wife,

DIELECKI, his wile,

Plaintiffs,

Vs.

L.L. TRUMP, his/her heirs, successors and/or assigns generally,

MARY J. SHIPLEY, her heirs, successors and/or assigns generally,

WILLIAM B. SHIPLEY, his heirs.

successors, and/or assigns generally,

WILLIAM R. SHIPLEY and THERESA

SHIPLEY, their heirs, successors and/or assigns generally,

Defendants.

TO: L.L. Trump, his/her heirs, successors and/ or assigns generally,

Mary J. Shipley, her heirs, successors and/ or assigns generally,

William B. Shipley, his heirs, successors and/or assigns generally, and

William R. Shipley and Theresa Shipley, their heirs, successors and/or assigns generally, Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that James and Barbara Bielecki, his wife, have filed a Complaint in an Action to Quiet Title at NO. 2469 of 2018, G.D., in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, averring that they are the owners in fee and in possession of:

ALL those two certain parcels of lots of land situate in the city of Connellsville, County of Fayette, State of Pennsylvania. Said lots are known or described as Lots Nos. 48 and 49 in a plan of lots laid out by the Connellsville Building and Loan Association.

Having a Tax Parcel ID NO. 05-03-0063.

For a more complete recital of the chain of title concerning the premises, refer to the Complaint filed in the within action.

That the defendants above named appears to have interest in said premises which creates a cloud upon plaintiffs' title, whereupon the plaintiffs have filed their Complaint as aforesaid asking the Court to enter a decree terminating all rights which defendants may have in said premises and decreeing that plaintiffs have the full and free use and occupation of said premises, released and forever discharged of any right, lien, title or interest of defendants herein.

The service of this Complaint by publication is made pursuant to an Order of Court dated April 16, 2018 and filed at the above number and term.

You are hereby notified to plead to the complaint in this case, of which the above is a brief summary, within twenty (20) days from this date. 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.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR PHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

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HARPER & MIKLUSCAK ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLP 70 B LEBANON AVENUE UNIONTOWN, PA 15401 724-550-4479 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA NO. 1518-OF-2017-GD

#### U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EQ1

#### **GERALD F. JACOBSON**

#### NOTICE TO: GERALD F. JACOBSON

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Being Premises: 540 SIXTH STREET, HIBBS, PA 15443

Being in GERMAN TOWNSHIP, County of FAYETTE, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 15-04-0055

Improvements consist of residential property.

Sold as the property of GERALD F. JACOBSON

Your house (real estate) at 540 SIXTH STREET, HIBBS, PA 15443 is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff's Sale on 06/14/2018 at 2:00 PM at the FAYETTE County Courthouse, 61 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 to enforce the Court Judgment of \$69,645.11 obtained by, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EQ1 (the mortgagee) against the above premises.

PHELAN HALLINAN DIAMOND & JONES, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff

#### **INCORPORATION NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 9, 2018, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation of a proposed corporation which was organized under the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved December 21, 1988, Act 177.

The name of the corporation is Bashada, Inc. with its principal place of business being located at 415 Mutich Street, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania 15012.

Todd M. Pappasergi, Esquire BASSI, VREELAND & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 144 111 Fallowfield Avenue Charleroi, PA 15022

## **SHERIFF'S SALE**

Date of Sale: June 14, 2018

By virtue of the below stated writs out of the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the following described properties will be exposed to sale by James Custer, Sheriff of Fayette County, Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom Number Five at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

The terms of sale are as follows:

Ten percent of the purchase price, or a sufficient amount to pay all costs if the ten percent is not enough for that purpose. Same must be paid to the Sheriff at the time the property is struck off and the balance of the purchase money is due before twelve o'clock noon on the fourth day thereafter. Otherwise, the property may be resold without further notice at the risk and expense of the person to whom it is struck off at this sale who in case of deficiency in the price bid at any resale will be required to make good the same. Should the bidder fail to comply with conditions of sale money deposited by him at the time the property is struck off shall be forfeited and applied to the cost and judgments. All payments must be made in cash or by certified check. The schedule of distribution will be filed the third Tuesday after date of sale. If no petition has been filed to set aside the sale within 10 days, the Sheriff will acknowledge before execute and the Prothonotary a deed to the property sold. (3 of 3)

> James Custer Sheriff Of Fayette County

Nicholas A. Didomenico, Esquire McGrath McCall, P.C. Four Gateway Center, Suite 1040 444 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

> No. 2351of 2016 GD No. 79 of 2018 ED

#### NORTHWEST BANK, F/K/A NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO PRESTIGE BANK,

Plaintiff,

#### VS.

#### JACK R. TAYLOR and KERRI LOU TAYLOR, Defendants.

All that certain tract of land situate in Washington Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Being commonly known as 420 First Street Extension, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania 15012, Tax Parcel ID No. 41-002-0006. (3 of 3)

> No. 1476 of 2017 GD No. 80 of 2018 ED

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ERNEST A. WALTERS AND SHERRY L.

EKNEST A. WALTERS AND SHEKKT L. WALTERS, Defendants.

ALL THE RIGHT TITLE, INTEREST AND CLAIMS OF ERNEST A. WALTERS AND SHERRY L. WALTERS, OF, IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT NO. 1 IN THE WALT ERS SUBDIVISION SITUATE IN SOUTH UNION TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, A PLOT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 45, PAGE 100.

RR 13 DUKAT STREET, UNIONTOWN, PA 15401.

TAX PARCEL NO. 34-24-012101

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ANNE N. JOHN Esq. ATTORNEY AT LAW

No. 2614 of 2017 GD No. 93of 2018 ED

#### FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF GREENE COUNTY, a corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

#### SARAH L. WAMSLEY and WILLIAM M. WAMSLEY, Defendants.

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land situate in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, being part of the Lambert Mining Village.

FOR prior title see Record Book 3264 at page 1504. Upon which is erected a double dwelling house known as Nos. 268-269 Lambert Mining Village, now known as Edenborn-Lambert, Inc., and having a street address of 416 Main Street, McClellandtown, Pennsylvania 15458.

Fayette County Assessment Map No.: 15-13-0016. (3 of 3)

# **Registers' Notice**

Notice by JEFFREY L. REDMAN, Register of Wills and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas

Notice is hereby given to heirs, legatees, creditors, and all parties in interest that accounts in the following estates have been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas as the case may be, on the dates stated and that the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court Division of Fayette County on

#### Monday, May 7, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Estate Number	Estate Name	Accountant

2617-0050 GEORGE LAZARCHECK Georgia VanSickle, Executrix

Notice is also hereby given that all of the foregoing Accounts will be called for Audit on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

in Court Room No. 1 of the **Honorable STEVE P. LESKINEN**, or his chambers, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at which time the Court will examine and audit said accounts, hear exceptions to same or fix a time therefore, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of the Accountants.

Notice is also hereby given to heirs, legatees, creditors, and all parties in interest that accounts in the following estates have been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas as the case may be, on the dates stated and that the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court Division of Fayette County on

#### Monday, May 7, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Estate Number	Estate Name	Accountant
2616-0871	JACOB W. TOWNSEND	David J. Townsend, Executor
2616-0443	DELAINE A. RUMBAUGH	Lois M. Watts and Margaret Jane Updegraff, Executrices

Notice is also hereby given that all of the foregoing Accounts will be called for Audit on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

in Court Room No. 2 of the **Honorable JOHN F. WAGNER** or his chambers, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at which time the Court will examine and audit said accounts, hear exceptions to same or fix a time therefore, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of the Accountants.

#### JEFFREY L. REDMAN Register of Wills and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division (2 of 2)

# JUDICIAL OPINION

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

EARL. L. MURPHY and	:	
SHERRY L. STENGER, husband and wife,	:	
Plaintiffs,	:	
	:	
VS.	:	
DAVID CRESSMAN, et al.,	:	No. 2108 of 2017, G.D.
Defendant.	:	Judge Steve P. Leskinen

Richard McCague, Esquire for Plaintiffs James S. Lederach, Esquire for Defendant

#### **OPINION AND ORDER**

Leskinen, J.

April 17, 2018

AND NOW, this 17h day of April, 2018, upon review of the defendant's preliminary objections, the court hereby grants the said objections.

Plaintiffs filed a "Motion to Quiet Title" on September 29, 2017. The title of the document is incorrect, as an action to quiet title can be commenced only by filing a "complaint." Pa.R.C.P. 1063. The "Motion" seeks to quiet title to a property at 210 Graft Street in Everson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, specifically Lots# 55, 56, and 57 in an unidentified lot plan. The principal allegation in the "Motion" is that the Plaintiffs entered into a "rent to own" arrangement with the father (also unidentified) of the named defendant, David Cressman; that Plaintiffs have occupied the property "for years" and "completed making the payments." The "Motion" asserts that the unnamed father of the named Defendant died before executing and delivering a deed to them.

The Defendant, through counsel, filed the instant Preliminary Objections on November 28, 2017, raising numerous patent defects in the "Motion to Quiet Title." It appears that those Objections have merit, as was evidently conceded by Plaintiffs' counselwho neither filed a brief, nor appeared at argument.

Specifically, David Cressman is not a proper defendant since he died on July 25, 2017. An estate was opened in Westmoreland County on August 25, 2017, and James Lederach, Esquire was appointed Administrator C.T.A. Even so, the personal representative may or may not be an appropriate party given that the claim asserts that the "rent to own" contract was entered into by David Cressman's father.

Secondly, no writing is attached to the "Motion," and Plaintiffs cannot overcome the Statute of Frauds for real estate without one. Pa.R.C.P. 1019 (h) and (i) require the complaint to set forth whether an agreement is oral or in writing, and if it is in writing, it is to be attached to the complaint. Plaintiffs are in violation of both provisions. Of course, no oral agreement will suffice, so a valid and sufficient writing is critical to any chance of recovery.

No claim of adverse possession is included, and that is the only possible basis for recovery that does not require a writing. Even in that situation, Plaintiffs would arguably have had to remain in possession of the property for twenty-one years after the last payment-since the payment would show their use was permissive and not adverse.

Next, Pa.R.C.P. 400(a) only permits the Sheriff to serve original process in an action such as this. Service in this case was purportedly made by certified mail which is no service at all-particularly here, where the person allegedly served is deceased and no estate is properly named anyway. As above, it is likely the estate of the unidentified father would actually be the appropriate party.

Plaintiffs' counsel is advised that the specific sections of the Rules of Civil Procedure relevant to Quiet Title are contained at Rules 1061 to 1068. Counsel if further admonished to review Rule 1.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires competent representation. Explanatory Comment [2] sets forth that "A lawyer can provide adequate representation in a wholly novel field through necessary study. Competent representation can also be provided through the association of a lawyer of established competence in the field in question."

Without being didactic, the Court also draws counsel's attention to the oath of office of a lawyer, which provides:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, as well to the court as to the client, that I will use no falsehood, nor delay the cause of any person for lucre or malice."

The "Motion for Quiet Title" in this case falls so far below the standard of competence required that-when coupled with the failure to file an amended pleading after service of the clearly valid Preliminary Objections, as well as the failure to file a brief or attend argument-the undersigned is concerned that this entire action may have been filed solely to "delay the cause of any person for lucre or malice."

It is noted that the Court has an obligation to report violations of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct, which obligation is set forth formally in Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2.15.

Plaintiffs are granted twenty days to file an amended pleading and provide the Sheriff with proper instructions for service. In default of same, the within matter will be dismissed with prejudice upon "Routine Motion."

BY THE COURT, LESKINEN, J.

ATTEST: Nina Capuzzi Frankhouser Prothonotary

# **ATTORNEY POSITION**

Attorney–Southwestern PA Legal Services seeks a fulltime attorney to exclusively represent victims of abuse in Washington, Greene and Fayette Counties. An active license in Pennsylvania is required, as is a demonstrated commitment to advocate for abuse victims is preferred. Extensive local travel will be required. Minority applicants are encouraged. Send resume and at least two references to brian.gorman@splas.org.

# **PBA YLD ZONE 6 CARAVAN**

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