

LACKAWANNA JURIST

JUDICIAL OPINION

CASE NAME AND NUMBER: Hagedorn v. Rick's Backhoe Service, Inc. - 2026 WL 75925 (Lacka. Co. 2026)

DATE OF DECISION: January 9, 2026

JUDGE: Terrence R. Nealon

ATTORNEYS INVOLVED: Michael Mongeluzzi, Esquire, *Counsel for Plaintiff*
John T. McGrath, Esquire, *Counsel for Defendant*

SUMMARY OF OPINION:

A motorcyclist commenced this action against a tractor-trailer driver and his employer based upon serious injuries that the motorcyclist suffered after the driver allegedly engaged in "road rage" following an "exchange of strong language and gestures" in a construction zone, culminating in the driver striking the rear of the motorcycle at a high rate of speed. The motorcyclist sustained traumatic bilateral lower extremity injuries requiring below-the-knee amputations, pelvic fractures necessitating open reduction internal fixation surgery, a traumatic brain injury, laceration of the spleen, collapsed lungs, and respiratory failure requiring intubation. The parties' pre-trial submissions reflected that, in total, they will present four expert witnesses on liability and five expert witnesses on damages. Defendants filed a motion seeking to bifurcate the liability and damages phases of the trial, and represented that "the duration of a liability trial will likely be 3-4 days, while an all-inclusive trial including damages will probably last 3-4 weeks."

Bifurcation is warranted under Pa.R.Civ.P. 213(b) where separation of issues facilitates the orderly presentation of evidence and judicial economy, but before ordering bifurcation of the liability and damages portions of a trial, the court must first determine that the issues of liability and damages and their respective evidence "are totally independent," and, in that regard, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has recognized that in personal injury litigation "the issues of liability and damages are generally interwoven and the evidence bearing upon the respective issues is commingled and overlapping." The record submitted by the parties indicated that the motorcyclist's treating health care providers would testify regarding the mechanics of his injuries, and in the process, provide context concerning the dynamics of the impact which bore on the issue of how the accident occurred, such that certain evidence on liability and damages was intermingled rather than disjointed.

Furthermore, bifurcation of the trial would not promote convenience and judicial economy since the damage phase of the trial would not be appreciably longer than the liability portion. Although the liability evidence arguably would consume three to four days of the trial with testimony by lay witnesses, two accident reconstructionists, a toxicologist, and a motorcycle operation expert, there was no credible basis for concluding that "an all-inclusive trial including damages will likely last 3-4 weeks" due to the presentation of additional expert testimony from a physiatrist, two neuropsychologists, and two life care planners. Additionally, with respect to defendant's contention that "the jury's decision on liability will be tainted by sympathy" for the motorcyclist as a result of his injuries, the jury will be instructed pursuant to Pa. SSJI (Civ.) § 12.00 (6th ed.) that it should not allow sympathy or emotion to influence its deliberations or verdict, and jurors are presumed to "follow judicial instructions faithfully," including "cautionary" and "curative" instructions. Thus, defendants did not establish that bifurcation of the liability and damages issues was appropriate under Rule 213(b), and their motion to bifurcate was denied.

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ESTATE

First Notice

ESTATE OF NANCY BYRNE AKA NANCY E. BYRNE late of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, PA (died January 3, 2026). 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 Audrey Elaine Grothmann, 47 Cooper Place, Weehawken, NJ 07086, Executor of the Estate or to William F. Dunstone, Esquire, 1212 S. Abington Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

Notice is hereby given that Letter of Administration have been granted in the following 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 named. **ESTATE OF FRANCES ANNETTE CIAMPI**, late of Old Forge, PA. Christine Cortazzo, Administrator; Christopher J. Szewczyk, Esquire, Attorney, 321 Biden Street, Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

ESTATE OF MARIE COLOSIMO, NUMBER 35-2026-233, deceased, late of Scranton, PA, Lackawanna County, PA: died November 14, 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 Christine Colosimo, 116 South Rebecca Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504-2441.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. CONNOR, JR., Deceased, late of 1415 Oram St., Apt. 22, Scranton, PA 18504, (Died December 22, 2025). William Connor, Executor; Dante A. Cancelli, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney.

ESTATE OF MARY THERESE DONAHUE, AKA MARY THERESE PAMELIA, AKA MARY T. DONAHUE, AKA MARY DONAHUE, NUMBER 35-2026-19, deceased, late of Scranton, PA, Lackawanna County, PA: died November 28, 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 Christopher Donahue, 187 N Poineer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708.

ESTATE OF LOIS MARIE DRAPER, AKA LOIS MARIE GUSTAFSON, NUMBER 35-2026-225, deceased, late of North Abington Twp, LA, Lackawanna County, PA: died November 17, 2025. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary 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 David Edwin Draper, 332 Stone Road, North Abington Twp, PA 18414.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Testamentary have been issued in the **ESTATE OF DONNA M. FETSOCK A/K/A DONNA MARIE FETSOCK A/K/A DONNA FETSOCK**, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, P.A., Date of Death, November 7, 2025 to John Fetsock as Executor of the Estate. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payments and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to John Fetsock Executor c/o the Estate Attorney, Tammy Lee Clause as follows: The Estate of Donna M. Fetsock a/k/a Donna Marie Fetsock a/k/a Donna Fetsock c/o The Clause Law Group Attorney, Tammy Lee Clause P.O. Box 241 Newfoundland, PA 18445 570-676-5212 attyclause@gmail.com Attorney for the Estate of Donna M. Fetsock a/k/a Donna Marie Fetsock a/k/a Donna Fetsock.

ESTATE OF CAROLE A. GRIFFIN A/K/A SISTER CAROLE GRIFFIN, IHM A/K/A CAROLE ANN GRIFFIN, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died December 5, 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 Sister Kathryn Clauss, IHM, Executor, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509 or to Jenna Kraycer Tuzze, of Oliver, Price & Rhodes, LLP, Attorney for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Administration have been issued in the **ESTATE OF JONATHON KOTH**, late of Jermyrn, Lackawanna County, P.A., Date of Death, November 1, 2024, to Mark A. Born, as Administrator of the Estate. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payments and those having claims or demands are to present the same without delay to Mark A. Born Administrator, c/o the Estate Attorney, George E. Clause, II as follows: The Estate of Jonathon Koth c/o The Clause Law Group, Attorney, George E. Clause, II P.O. Box 241 Newfoundland, PA 18445 570-676-5212 gclause@clauselawgroup.com, Attorney for the Estate of Jonathan Koth.

JOHN J. MCHUGH, AKA JOHN J. MCHUGH, JR., late of Madison Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died December 6, 2025, Letters of Administration 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 John J. McHugh, III, Administrator c/o Attorney Scott Lynett, The Law Office of Scott Lynett, 237 Penn Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

ESTATE OF MELANIE DIANNE NARO, Deceased, late of 106 Varhley St., Dunmore, PA 18512, (Died November 15, 2025) Evamari Hennigan, Executrix; Dante A. Cancelli, Esquire, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney.

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ESTATE OF HAROLD L. NELSON, JR., A/K/A H. L. NELSON, late of Waverly Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (Died January 22, 2026). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate have been granted to Kathleen Nelson, Executrix. All persons having claims against the Estate are requested to present them in writing and all persons indebted to the Estate are required to make payment without delay to the above named Executrix, or to Ann Lavelle Powell, Esquire, Powell & Appleton, P.C., 822 Richmond Street, Scranton, PA 18509, Attorney for the Estate.

GARJA SIWAKOTI of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA, deceased. Letters of Testamentary on said Estate having been granted to the undersigned all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned: Bishnu Bhujel (Executrix) or Michael E. Fiffik, Esquire c/o Fiffik Law Group, P.C., Foster Plaza 7, Suite 315, 661 Andersen Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

ESTATE OF PATRICK T. TIERNEY, late of Scranton, Pennsylvania (died January 19, 2026). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patrick T. Tierney have been issued to Paul F. Tierney, Jr. and Mary E. Reynolds, Executors 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 Executors at 914 Maple Street, 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.

Second Notice

ESTATE OF MICHAEL H. BUTLER, ESTATE NO. 35-25-00896, late of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, PA (died May 20, 2025). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Michael H. Butler have been issued to Natalie King, 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: Executor Natalie King, c/o Atty. Corey D. O'Brien, O'BRIEN LEGAL, 72 Glenmaura National Boulevard, Suite 104, Moosic PA 18507.

MICHAEL J. DECARLO, late of Taylor, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (died February 4, 2026). Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been issued to Michael B. Kearney, Executor of Estate. Marianne M. Stivala, Esquire, Cali Law, 103 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512.

Letters of Administration have been granted in the **ESTATE OF MARK EVANS a/k/a MARK R. EVANS a/k/a MARK RICHARD EVANS**, late of the Township of Spring Brook, County of Lackawanna, to Emily Bouton, Administratrix. 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.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted in the **ESTATE OF JOHN M. FOLEY**, late of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (died July 24, 2024). All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payments and all those having claims or demands are to present same, without delay to Jeffrey Foley and John Foley, Co-Administrators of the Estate, or Jeffrey W. Nepa, Attorney for the Estate, 41 N. Main Street, 4th Floor, Carbondale, PA 18407.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary were granted to Roseann Kelly, in the **ESTATE OF GERALD J. FONTANA**, late of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who died on February 8, 2026. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the estate's counsel named below: Edwin A. Abrahamsen, Esquire Abrahamsen, Conaboy & Abrahamsen, P.C. 255 E. Grove St, 2nd Fl., Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

ESTATE OF DENISE Y. HWAN A/K/A DENISE YA HUI HWAN, late of Waverly Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died November 20, 2025). Letters 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 said estate shall make payment thereof without delay to Jung Jang Hwan, Executor, 103 Stonybrook Road, Waverly Township, PA 18411, or to John M. Price, attorney for the Estate, 1212 South Abington Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. By: John M. Price, attorney for the Estate/Oliver, Price and Rhodes, LLP, Attorneys for the Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of **ESTATE OF STANLEY R. JASINIENCKI III A/K/A STANLEY JASINIENCKI**, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment and those having claims shall present them for settlement to: ANDREA M. DEMUTH, CO EXECUTRIX, MARIANN D. HEALEY, CO EXECUTRIX, KEVIN R. GREBAS, Esquire, COLBERT & GREBAS, P.C., 210 Montage Mountain Road – Suite A Moosic, PA 18507.

ESTATE OF ROBERT M. JEZERSKI late of Olyphant, PA, who died on December 15, 2025. Letters Testamentary in the above estate have 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 Jessica Jezerski, Administrator, c/o Mark T. Sheridan, Esquire, Wylam & Georgetti, LLC, 115 Franklin Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. KNOWLES**, late of the Township of Madison, County of Lackawanna, to Jeffrey G. Knowles, Executor. All persons having claims against the Estate are required 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.

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted in the following 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 named. **ESTATE OF ANDREW MARK KOKINDO**, late of Throop, PA. Lindsay Bukowski, Administrator; Christopher J. Szewczyk, Esquire, Attorney, 321 Biden Street, Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503.

ESTATE OF PETER J. MOONEY, late of Carbondale, Pennsylvania (died December 30, 2025). Notice is here given that Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to Patricia L. Petula, of Hummelstown, PA, and David E. Mooney, of Dunmore, PA. All persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to the personal Representative named herein, or to Patrick N. Coleman, Esquire, Tellie & Coleman, P.C., 310 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

Estate of **MADELYN DYNO MULUSKY**, Deceased, late of 477 Hudson St., Jermyrn, PA 18433; (Died January 17, 2026) Carol Swirdovich, Executrix; Dante A. Cancelli, Esquire, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney.

ESTATE OF KEITH D. OVENS AKA KEITH DAVID OVENS late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA (died December 8, 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 Jodi Lameo, 222 Appletree Lane, South Abington Twp, PA 18411, Executor of the Estate or to William F. Dunstone, Esquire, 1212 S. Abington Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

Third Notice

ESTATE OF JOHN A. BORGNA SR. A/K/A JOHN A. BORGNA A/K/A JOHN ANDREW BORGNA A/K/A JOHN BORGNA (died January 3, 2026) formerly of Olyphant, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to the estate shall make payment and those having claims or demands are to present same without delay to the Executrix, Jonna M. O'Connor, or Richard A. Fanucci, Attorney for the Estate, 1711 Main Street, Blakely, PA 18447.

ESTATE OF JOANN M. CHIAPPINI, late of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, died on December 4, 2025. Letters of Administration having been granted to Alexander Chiappini. Creditors shall make demands and debtors shall make payment without delay to Marjorie DeSanto Barlow, Esq., Attorney for the Estate, Desanto Barlow Law, P.C., 327 N. Washington Ave., Ste. 400 Scranton, PA 18503.

ESTATE OF MELVIN FRAZIER, Deceased, late of 435 Commerce Dr., Scott Twp., PA 18447, (Died December 13, 2025). Robert Frazier, Executor; Dante Cancelli, Suite 260, 125 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, Attorney.

ESTATE OF ROBERT L. MCGURRIN, late of the City of Scranton, PA, who died on October 19, 2025. Letters of Administration 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: Michael McGurrin, c/o: Attorney for the Estate, John M. Hart, III, Esq., HART LAW, 134 E. Grove Street, Dunmore, PA 18510.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL R. NOWAKOWSKI, Deceased (died on 01/02/2026). Late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted and all creditors shall make demands and all debtors shall make payment without delay to Ellen Nowakowski, Executrix or Brigid E. Carey, Esquire, P.O. Box 424, Chinchilla, PA 18410.

Estate of **DEBORAH L. STEENBACK**, late of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (died January 30, 2026). Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate have been issued to DOROTHY A. STEENBACK, 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.

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Articles of Incorporation

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State on 3/3/2026 for a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. The name of the corporation is: **Pioneer Performing Arts Center**.

Change of Name

In the Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division: In Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Nolan Noel Ryan Nestorick-Orr for Change of Name to Nolan Ryan Orr. Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2026, the Petition for Change of Name was filed in the above Court, requesting an Order to change Petitioner's name to Nolan Ryan Orr. The Court has fixed the 24th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom A at the Lackawanna County Government Center located at 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 as the time and place for the hearing of said petition for name change, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

In the Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division: In Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Ediana Carmen Macancela for Change of Name to Ayden Macancela. Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2026, the Petition for Change of Name was filed in the above Court, requesting an Order to change Petitioner's name to Ayden Macancela. The Court has fixed the 29th day of May, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom A at the Lackawanna County Government Center located at 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 as the time and place for the hearing of said petition for name change, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Certificate of Organization

A Certificate of Organization has been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State for the entity known as AJ's Lawn Care, LLC with a registered office at 226 Third Street, Dalton, PA 18414, in accord with the provisions of the Business Corporation Law, as amended.

Fictitious Names

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. 311 and 54 Pa.C.S. Ch.3, that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name for the conduct of a business in Lackawanna County, PA, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of **Matthews Chevrolet of Peckville** was filed in the office of the Secy. of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PA), Dept. of State, on 1/28/2026. Purpose: Car Dealership. Principal place of business: 320 N Jensen Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 2153. The name and address of the person/entity owning or interested in said business is Matthews of Peckville, Inc., (a Car Dealership organized in Pennsylvania), with an address of 538 Biden St., Ste. 320 Ann B. Cianflone, Scranton, PA 18503-1816.

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TO: **Brandy Alkema**
(Whereabouts Unknown)

NOTICE

A petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, **J.L.F., born on 07/19/2013 in Lackawanna County and the biological male child of Brandy Alkema.** The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your children. That hearing will be held on **March 30th, 2026 at 9:30 A.M.** in Courtroom #3 located on the 2nd Floor of the Lackawanna County Courthouse, 200 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18503. If you do not appear at this hearing, the Court may decide that you are not interested in retaining your rights to your child and your failure to appear may affect the Court's decision on whether to end your rights to your child. 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 children may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be 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.

Northern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.
33 North Main Street, Suite 200
Pittston, PA 18640
(570) 299-4100

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**TO: Brandy Alkema
(Whereabouts Unknown)**

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**TO: Niko Serrano
(Whereabouts Unknown)**

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ARGENIS MOREL,	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	:	OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY
Plaintiff	:	
vs.	:	
	:	ACTION TO QUIET TITLE
JAMES R. KNIGHT, JR., his heirs,	:	
devisees, legatees, executors,	:	
administrators, personal	:	
representatives, successors,	:	
transferees, assigns and all other	:	
persons having interest in the premises,	:	
Defendant	:	NO. 26-CV-23

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Defendant, his respective heirs, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, transferees, and assigns, and all other persons claiming by, through, from or under said Defendant and all other persons whatsoever, that on **February 17, 2026, ARGENIS MOREL**, commenced an action against you to **NO. 26-CV-23**, in the Office of the Prothonotary of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania which you are required to defend, to quiet title to that certain piece, parcel or lot of land located at 726-728 Landis Street, Scranton, County of Lackawanna, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, more particularly described as follows:

DEED DESCRIPTION for **LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED** by **DARIS WILTON**. Said lands being situated in the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and more particularly described as:

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BEGINING at a corner on the Northerly side of Landis Street, formerly known as the public road leading from Bellevue Mines to the Highway between Ryde Park and Wilkes-Barre, being the southerly corner of Parcel 205 of Bellevue Village Plot, and now the division line between lands of Moses James and William Griffiths Estate;

THENCE at right angles to Landis Street in a Northeasterly direction eighty=three and one-third (83-1/3) feet to a corner;

THENCE in a Northwesterly direction parallel with Landis Street fifty-five and five-tenths (55.5) feet to a point;

THENCE in a Southwesterly direction along the edge of a stone walk eighty-three and one-third (83-1/3) feet to Landis Street; and

THENCE in a southeasterly direction and along Landis Street fifty-five and five-tenths (55.5) feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

BEING all of the **LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED** by **DARIS MOREL**.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND

this action within thirty (30) days of the publication hereof and that, in default of appearance or defense of such action, a Decree of Court may be entered against you and that the Plaintiff has a valid and indefeasible title in said premises against you and all persons who claim that they have any right, title or interest whatsoever by or through you; that you and anyone claiming by or through you will be perpetually enjoined from impeaching, denying, attacking or in any way setting up any right, lien, title or interest to said premises inconsistent with the ownership of the Plaintiff unless you commence an action of ejectment or such other action as the Court may direct within thirty (30) days of the date of said Decree. You are further advised that a hearing on this matter has been scheduled by the Court for the **12th day of May, 2026 at 10:30 o'clock a.m.**, Courtroom No. 6, in the Lackawanna County Court House, 200 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. 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 to you.

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LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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Pittston, PA 18640	Hazleton, PA 18201
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Toll Free: 855/236-6405	Toll Free: 877/515-7628
Fax: 570/824-0001	Fax: 570/455-3625

“NOTICE TO LEGATEES”

To all legatees, creditors and other persons interested. Notice is hereby given that the following Executors, Administrators, Trustees, and Guardians have filed their accounts with the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court, Division of the Court of Common Pleas.

The following accounts have been filed and may be examined in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court. If you desire to object, the same may be accomplished by filing that objection in writing with the Clerk of Orphans' Court **on or before Monday, the 6th day of April 2026**

The accounts will be filed by the clerk, with the Court for adjudication and confirmation on Tuesday, **the 7th day of April 2026**. Distribution may be ordered or authorized without further notice if no objections are filed prior to that date.

35 2021 80	First and Final Account
Claire Carvalho	Mary Jane Yevics, Petitioner
Deceased	Kimberly Kost Scanlon, Esquire

35 2024 738	First and Final Account
Christy Michael	Sharon Michael, Administratrix
Deceased	Francis J. Hoegen, Esquire