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## **ESTATE NOTICES**

The Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration in the following estates. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted thereto to make payment without delay and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement to the Executors or Administrators or their attorneys.

### FIRST PUBLICATION

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File No. 63-19-0992

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File No. 63-19-0984

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# **THIRD PUBLICATION**

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## NAME CHANGE NOTICES

### Change of Name

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania: No. 2019-4124. In re: Petition of Kvlie Amann, a minor, by Amanda Amann, his natural parent and guardian, for change of name to Caleb Amann. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of said Court authorized the filing petition of said and fixed 4th of October, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., as the and Courtroom Number Washington County Courthouse. Washington, PA, as the place for a hearing, when and where all person may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.

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#### Change of Name

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Washington County Court, Washington County, Pennsylvania on the 9th day of August 2019 bearing Docket Number 2019-4160, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk.

This notice grants me the right to assume the name of Lauren Ann Broglia.

The city and state of my address are Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; the month and year of my birth are September 6, 1964; place of my birth is Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; my present name is **Anna Raffaelli** 

The hearing on the Petition shall occur on October 4, 2019.

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# MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

IN RE: KYLIE SLOBODA, BIRTHDATE AUGUST 9, 2011 CHILD OF JONATHAN RYAN HOWARD OR ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

NO. 63-19-0968

Take notice that a Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of father, Jonathan Ryan Howard or any Unknown Father to Kylie Sloboda will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Any person wishing to assert their parental right should appear Courtroom No.6 of the Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Pennsylvania, for a hearing as to the same on September 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.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 present.

You have the right to be represented at the hearing by an attorney. You should take this notice to your attorney at once. If you do not have an attorney or can not afford representation, contact the Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Aid Society, 10 West Cherry Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania, 15301, (724) 225-6170, to find out where you can obtain legal help.

Orissa Bey, Caseworker Washington County Children & Youth Social Service Agency 100 West Beau Street, Suite 502 Washington, PA 15301 Telephone: (724) 228-6884 6)1/1

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

IN RE: ADDISON STASICHA,
BIRTHDATE JUNE 6, 2018
CHILD OF LEGAL FATHER, JASON
SCOTT STASICHA;
CHILD OF BIOLOGICAL FATHER,
JACK FLEMING

NO. 63-19-0967

Take notice that a Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of legal father, Jason Scott Stasicha; and biological Jack Fleming father, to Addison Stasicha will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Any person wishing to assert their parental right should appear in Courtroom No.6 of the Washington Washington, County Courthouse, Pennsylvania, for a hearing as to the same on September 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.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 present.

You have the right to be represented at the hearing by an attorney.

You should take this notice to your attorney at once. If you do not have an attorney or can not afford representation, contact the Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Aid Society, 10 West Cherry Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania, 15301, (724) 225-6170, to find out where you can obtain legal help.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYVLANIA

ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

IN RE: LANDON HEWITT D.O.B. 06/16/2017 CHILD OF: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

NO: 63-19-0868

Take notice that a Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of any unknown father of Landon Hewitt will be presented to the Orphans' Washington Court of County, Pennsylvania. Any person wishing to assert his parental rights should appear in Courtroom No. 6 of the Washington Courthouse, Washington, County Pennsylvania, for a hearing as to the same on September 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.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 present.

You have the right to be represented at the hearing by an attorney. You should take this notice to your attorney at once. If you do not have an attorney or cannot afford representation, contact the Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Aid Society, 10 West Cherry Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania, 15301, (724) 225-6170, to find out where you can obtain legal help.

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Washington, PA 15301
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#### REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION NO.: 2018-5599

MARLEX PROPERTIES, LLC,
Plaintiff.

vs

JOHN C. HANSELL, JOHN C. HANSELL DBA WASHINGTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL, LLC, ROBERT G. FAGIOLETTI, ANTOINETTE FAGIOLETTI, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Defendants.

#### **NOTICE**

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 NOTICE TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. 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. Lawyer Referral Service 119 South College Street Washington, Pennsylvania 15301 Telephone Number: (724) 225-6710

> Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Aid Society 10 West Cherry Avenue Washington, PA 15301

Telephone Number: (724) 225-6170

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

To Leona Meadows and Virgil Meadows, their heirs and assigns:

Notice is hereby given that the Township of East Bethlehem has filed a Petition for Appointment of Conservator in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County at Docket Number 2019-4283 under the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act: 68 P.S. Sec. 1101, et. seq. regarding property in which you may have an interest as found in Deed Book Instrument Number 200214794, also designated as parcel ID 260-009-00-00-03-0022-00.

A Hearing on the Petition has been scheduled before the honorable Michael J. Lucas for November 14, 2019 in Courtroom No. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at which time you are directed to appear and state your objections to the Petition. If you fail to appear, a decision will be made in your absence, which may forever affect your right, title and interest in the subject property as it is the Township's intention to remove the structure from the premises to alleviate a public safety threat and nuisance to the community.

Blane A. Black Solicitor, East Bethlehem Township 223 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Monongahela, PA 15063 724-258-7000 Pa. I.D. #34442

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### **CORPORATION NOTICES**

#### **FICTITIOUS NAME**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 311 of the Act of 1982-295 (54 Pa.C.S. Sec. 311), that a certificate was filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, on the 24th day of April, 2019 for the conduct of a business in Washington County, Pennsylvania under the assumed or fictitious name, style, and designation of Lendable Linens, with its principal place of business at 72 Wilson Road, Eighty Four, Pennsylvania 15330.

The names and address of all persons or entities owning or interested in said business are **Lendable Linens Pittsburgh, LLC**, 72 Wilson Road, Eighty Four, Pennsylvania 15330.

Blake J. Birchmeier, Esquire Peacock Keller, LLP 70 East Beau Street Washington, PA 15301

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#### **NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that a Certificate Organization-Domestic Liability Company has been filed with the Department of State of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or about August 16, 2019, for a limited liability company established under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1994, for Temporary Patio Enclosures. LLC. The proposed registered office in this Commonwealth is 1299 Sugar Run Road, Venetia, PA 15367.

James W. Haines, Jr., Attorney at Law 1202 West Main Street Monongahela, PA 15063 724-258-3021

#### ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION-DOMESTIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Articles of Dissolution-Domestic were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA on the 9th day of August, 2019, with respect to a business corporation, which has been incorporated under the provision of the Business Corporation Law of 1988.

The name and address of the corporation is **Matt Simms Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.,** whose principal office is located at 569 Zediker Station Road, Washington, PA 15301.

Edward C. Morascyzk, Esquire Morascyzk, Stopperich & Associates 382 W. Chestnut Street, Suite 102 Washington, PA 15301

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## **MEMORIAL MINUTE** DANIEL J. ILER

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

#### IN RE: MEMORIAL MINUTE OF DANIEL J. ILER No. 2002-2559

RECORD OF MEMORIAL MINUTE IN THE ABOVE CAUSE BEFORE THE HON-ORABLE JOHN F. DISALLE, J.; GARY GILMAN, J.; VALARIE COSTANZO, J.; AND BRANDON NEUMAN, J. ON MARCH 28, 2019.

Lodged in the Office of the Prothonotary: Reported by: Kelly M. Ward, Court Reporter

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John F. DiSalle, Judge	
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#### PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE JOHN F. DISALLE: Please be seated. Good afternoon and welcome to our Memorial Minute.

Mr. Roney?

MR. RONEY: Good afternoon, Your Honor, members of the Court. May it please the Court. Ladies and gentlemen, members of the Washington County Bar Association, guests, colleagues and family of Daniel J. Iler and the Reverend Daniel W. Whalen. We are having two Memorial Minutes this afternoon in honor of two deceased members.

We will start with Mr. Daniel J. Iler's Memorial Minute first. It's my pleasure to introduce to you Dianne McClelland Faldowski who will present today's address on behalf of Daniel.

MS. FALDOWSKI: May it please the Court. Thank you. Daniel J. Iler was born August 27, 1960 and left us on December 8, 2017.

Dan passed away at the age of 57. He was predeceased by his father, David J. Iler;

grandparents, Joan and Ethel Iler; Edward and Onna Wood; brother-in-law, Paul Czapranski; and aunt, Carol Iler.

Dan is survived by his Mother, Judith Seager; sister, Laurie Czapranski; nephews, Chris Oonk, Ben Czapranski and Nathan Czapranski; uncles, John Iler, Jr., Robert Wood and Warren Wood; stepbrothers, Tim Seager and Phil Seager; niece, Lydia Tilley-Seager, as well as many cousins.

Dan grew up in Scottsville, New York. He graduated from Wheatland-Chili High School, Hiram College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He was a devoted follower of the Pittsburgh sports teams and enjoyed the music of the Grateful Dead.

He practiced law in Washington, PA for 23 years, primarily with specialization in Workers' Compensation, before returning to his native New York.

I wanted to point out that I did talk to Dan's sister, Laurie, last evening and she is sorry that she and her mother would not be able to be here but her mom is taking care of their elderly stepfather, and she is appreciative and grateful that the Bar Association and our Judiciary would take the time to remember her brother and to thank him for his service.

I met Danny in 1985 when we were law students. We were assigned to the same section. So from day one, we had all of our classes together. I remember feeling intimidated and nervous, and he was one of the first people I met. Always a very welcoming and friendly young man with an ease about himself and a great sense of humor.

Over the years, Danny, as I called him, and I grew close to the point we were sort of like brother and sister. There was probably no topic that we didn't fiercely debate and I have to say that we were pretty much diametrically opposed in any area you can imagine, particularly politics and religion, but none of that mattered as we really enjoyed the friendly and spirited discussions and we were very close.

Danny was the life of every party, the one who always had a smile on his face, a joke to crack and a hand to lend. He was the antithesis of pretense and I think as such, he sort of became a magnet. Everybody liked Danny and you always felt welcome in his presence.

I was happy when he moved to my hometown to practice. Danny, himself, was from a small town so he seemed to fit in very well. He was not flashy. He didn't have a fancy office when he had his own office, but he was a great lawyer. He actually represented me and to my chagrin, he won the case and refused to take a fee. And I'll never forget the day that I came to the courthouse and he was standing on the courthouse steps with this big cheshire grin on his face and handed me my check. And he was so proud and he did a great job.

He was humble. Making a lot of money was never his end goal. He sincerely wanted justice for his clients and he poured his heart into the lives of many, particularly, I suspect, ones who had no way of paying him and whose cases would not advance his career, nor would it make front page news.

Danny was an animal lover. We all knew that. My dog actually attended his wedding. That's a long story. He didn't care. He came out and petted my dog and stood by the car. For the longest time, he teased me that my dog was my date and, in reality, he probably was.

Danny was very smart and smarter than I think he let on, quite contemplative and thoughtful, a very deep thinker, more so than you might have thought upon first glance.

When I learned of his death, I sought out his family. I didn't know them before but I found his sister, Laurie, on FaceBook. We had some long conversations and cried together. And she pointed me to the fact that he had these blogs that he had written. And when I started to read them, and I reread some of them last evening, I was just mesmerized by the depth of his words, his insight and his deep thought. He spoke candidly in these blogs and eloquently and simply about his life, his mistakes, his successes, and his observations of the world which were born of a lot of different experiences.

Laurie also pointed me to a YouTube video that he had done for his church. That really blew me away because I never knew Danny to be religious and he still wasn't religious, but he had found a relationship with God it seemed and an apparent one of peace and a special place of service to others outside of the practice of law.

I never met anyone like Danny before I met him and I haven't met anyone quite like him since. He was one of a kind, generous in spirit, passionate about helping the underdog and the least of these. He was quintessentially, however, always just Danny to me.

I thank him for faithful friendship over the years and for his service to our legal community. Though his career didn't end in a way he may have planned, his work here was meaningful and an essential step on his way to the place of eventual peace and success that he found.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Dianne. I would like to recognize Mr. Thomas Lonich.

MR. LONICH: Thank you, Mr. President. May it please the Court. Family, colleagues.

I started at Ceisler, Richman in January of 1987. Dan had been there for about a year prior to that. Over the years, Dan and I worked together. We watched ball games together. We socialized together and we complained together about the frustrations of being young associates or junior partners, for a long period of time, when he came to Workers Compensation,

Dan was a very good lawyer. There was always a kindness about Dan and much of that stemmed from the grin and the laugh that he had.

After Dan returned home, he spent his time helping people who encountered difficult times, and in this, he found an enjoyment and a contentment.

Now, as everyone who knows Dan knows, Dan was a huge fan of the Grateful Dead. And I would like the record to reflect that I'm wearing my Jerry Garcia tie today in honor of this occasion.

Now, the Grateful Dead were well known for having a following that went across the country and city to city. And when they went city to city, the parking lots became small villages for the people who followed the Dead. There came a time when the Dead was coming to Pittsburgh and that caused the firm to have a meeting, at which time the senior partners indicated to Dan that while he should have a good time, they did not want to pick up the local newspaper and see him bathing in Point State Park.

Dan attended the festivities and about a week or so later, after he returned, I asked him if availed himself of the free bathing facilities down at the fountain. And Dan just laughed. To this day, I believe that Dan shared the fountain with his fellow Deadheaders but just out of the lens of the photographers who were taking the pictures. And when I think of that story and I think of Dan, it makes me smile. May God always rest and bless his soul. Thank you.

MR. RONEY: Thank you. I would like to recognize Mark Shire.

MR. SHIRE: Thank you, Mr. Roney. May it please the Court. Colleagues and friends of those being memorialized today. I'm happily surprised and I know that Dan would be tickled, I think, by the fact that one, two and now three are going to share Grateful Dead stories.

Mine is short. I knew Dan liked the Grateful Dead. We were both, like Ms. McClelland Faldowski, members of the Pitt law class of '85 and all three of us were in Section A. So I can't remember distinctly meeting Dan on the first day but I know I had to because he was such an effusive person, friendly, so approachable, that, yeah, he was one of the people that, you know, you knew and was very funny.

And when Mr. Lonich says Dan's laugh, I can remember it right now. He was a lot of fun to be with. And, you know, you hear the cliche life of the party, but he really was and, you know, that's something I will always remember about him because we had a lot of good times in law school as friends.

And I didn't know until several months ago that he had passed away when I saw it in the Washington County Legal Journal. I knew he had moved back to New York and he was working helping individuals and doing counseling, and it appeared to me he was doing very well, but when I saw this on LinkedIn, I think, I sent him a message back and congratulated him but I didn't hear from him after that. And there is a hole there, that over time, you forget when you're not in touch with somebody, but then when it comes back to, you know, those memories from 35 years ago, you know, you realize they are still pretty vivid.

I didn't work much with Dan, you know, once we both became attorneys but we stayed friendly while he was with Ceisler, Richman, Smith and Ceisler, Richman, Sweet.

And I wanted to point out that he worked when he was with the firm on a Supreme Court case which was Beth Energy Mines versus Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, and I know Dan did a lot of work for Beth Energy Mines. They were a client of his. And the issue before the Supreme Court was whether wherein a referee, at that time, has made factual findings, does the Compensation Appeal Board have the power

to make factual findings even though they had already been made by the referee. That was the position of Beth Energy Mines and the Court said no, once there is substantial evidence supporting findings, the Appeal Board is simply an appellate body.

But as Mr. Lonich mentioned, Dan was very experienced in Worker's Compensation Law. Later, he cracked the Social Security Law.

And I have to totally agree that he was a kind person and he cared more about helping his clients than coming across as a great lawyer or a well-dressed lawyer. He was just a good person and I'm very happy that I was a friend of his. And may he rest in peace.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Mark. Are there any other members of the Washington County Bar Association that would like to address the assembly this afternoon?

MR. NEFF: May it please the Court. My name is Mark Neff. I was a member of the Bar down here from 1985 until probably the early 2000s.

I want to thank everybody for coming out. It's a very unique tradition that the Washington County Bar Association has the Memorial Minute. I don't know of any other county that does anything like that. It's kind of strange me standing speaking.

I started out as a young lawyer at the Phillips, Faldowski, McCloskey firm at the age of 26. And they used to have these Memorial Minutes and now I'm up here speaking of a colleague. My how time goes by.

I graduated in '84, a year before Dianne and Mark. Danny graduated in '85. I met him first semester of law school in the fall of 1982. We were very, very close ever since then. We shared an apartment down here in Washington. He was working for the Ceisler firm. Then my wife, now ex-wife, kicked him out because she wanted to move in. Dan lived here in Washington for the remainder of his career. I moved first to the South Hills and then up to the North Hills.

Dan was born too late, 1960. He should have been born in 1945, then he could have participated in the summer of love in 1967. His catch phrase was always peace, love and dove, which is kind of a Grateful Dead thing. He was very devoted to the Grateful Dead but more importantly to the ideals or so-called ideals of the Grateful Dead about doing things for other people, not being greedy.

Dan was the most non-materialistic person I ever knew. He did way more than his fair share of pro bono work. In fact, I'm sure after he left the firm, maybe the majority of his work was pro bono. He was a very kind person. I loved him and miss him greatly. May he rest in peace.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Mark. If there is no other one, we will conclude the Memorial Minute for Dan Iler.

JUDGE JOHN DISALLE: Mr. Roney, I wanted to make a remark. On behalf of the Court of Common Pleas, I, too, knew Dan in law school. Like

Mr. Neff, I graduated a year ahead of him and I knew him briefly or tangentially in law

school, but as a young lawyer and being a member of the young lawyers division here, I also agree that he was, generally, the life of the young lawyers' functions that we had.

He was a good attorney. I always enjoyed working with him. We didn't have a lot of cases together but he was someone that was easy to work with, one, because of his great sense of humor but more importantly, he was a problem solver. He was sincere. We got right to the problem. He never put on airs. He wanted to solve the problem for his client. We could level with each other. We earned each other's trust and we worked towards resolution. I always respected him for that and admired his work. Thank you.

MR. RONEY: If no one else wishes to say anything, we will close the record with respect to our dear colleague, Daniel J. Iler.

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me of the hearing of the above-cause, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

Kelly M. Ward, Court Reporter

The foregoing record of the hearing of the above-cause is hereby directed to be filed.

s/JOHN F. DISALLE, JUDGE

# MEMORIAL MINUTE DANIEL W. WHALEN

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

IN RE: MEMORIAL MINUTE OF REVEREND DANIEL W. WHALEN No. 378 May Term, 1980 A.D.

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MR. RONEY: We will now begin the Memorial Minute for our colleague, the Reverend Daniel W. Whalen.

We have his brother, Father Tim Whalen, who is present, and also one of his seminarian brothers, Reverend John Lynam, who is now the pastor and minister of IC Church here.

It's my pleasure to introduce to you Michael J. Fagella, one of our colleagues, who will give the address today on behalf of Reverend Daniel Whalen.

MR. FAGELLA: Thanks, Frank. May it please the Court. Colleagues, friends, members of the class of 1979-1980.

Dan Whalen was an attorney but for the last 17 years of his life, he was a priest. He was born on June 24, 1954. He was the son of Mary Anna and Donald William Whalen; brother of Tim Whalen, Mark and Terri, his wife, Donna and her husband, David, Joe

and his wife, Stephanie; the uncle of Timothy, Gregory, Daniel, MJ, Michael, Donald, Luke and Cole.

He went to South Hills Catholic High School. He graduated in 1972. He went to Villanova where he received a Bachelor of arts in English and was the captain of the rugby team.

He went to Duquesne University, received his J.D. in 1979. After that, he clerked for awhile first with Judge Bell. And Dan, as I will relate, was always the most helpful person you could ever imagine. He recommended me to take his place when he went from being law clerk for Judge Bell to work for Judge DiSalle and then ultimately he went to Judge McCune, Barron McCune, in Federal Court. He also clerked for Frank Harold, a private attorney.

I think that, we used to have lunch together in Judge Richard DiSalle's chambers, and I think that had an influence because every now and then, we would see -- John DiSalle would come in and I'm sure John probably said, if these jokers can get a job and do this work, I got nothing to worry about. So I probably attributed to you going to law school.

In any event, Dan loved sports, golf, playing for Daniel's Bathhouse, who has the record for wins in the Allegheny County Basketball League, and Spiderman.

Now, I've been to a number of Memorial Minutes and I always get the feeling that it's kind of like a Charles Dickens, you know, they are talking about Jacob Marley, so and so was such a great lawyer, he had so many billable hours, he would reduce a person on the stand too mush. That's not going to be Dan. Dan didn't really appreciate -- he appreciated the knowledge of the law but the practice of law, that just wasn't him.

I think it was -- Albert Einstein once said, try not to be a man of success but try to be a man of value. That was Dan. Throughout his law career, he was always -- what motivated him was he wanted to help. We would ask him, where do you want to go, do you want to go into corporate law, do you want to go into -- I want to help people. I want to help people. He even said that when he went into real estate. I want to help people.

Again, he was very helpful. I remember the first time I met Dan, which was the early days in the first year of law school where John Golden and somebody else had me convinced they went to -- they told me they went to California University. I went, why would anybody go from beach front and work over here in Pennsylvania. Dan comes up to me and he goes, you idiot, maybe you got it from New York, he goes, they are talking about California University of Pennsylvania, not UCLA.

So he was always looking out for me. He helped me out in law school. He helped me get my first job. He also helped out --

In case we are thinking of putting him up for sainthood, there is a number of the miracles because I think it was Superbowl XIII, Dan was praying that Jackie Smith was going drop that pass. It happened. Years later, Superbowl XLIII, which we were at Judge DiSalle's house, you know, last second pass, nailed it. Then Superbowl XLIV, Dan shows up again and he is like, you got to do the same exact thing as last game, same

stuff, I was sitting over here, you sit over there. So we got three miracles on Dan.

I think he was always, not troubled but concerned about whether he was doing the right thing, whether his was a life of value. And like I said, he always confided in me that he felt he had a calling to be a priest. You know, he wasn't sure if he was. So it was important.

It's almost heroic. In mythology, they often talk about a journey to find yourself. You know, Jesus went in the dessert for 40 days. Buddha, you know, found himself under the bo tree. All those heroic things are journeys. So I think Dan had to really go to Rome and find himself. And I eliminated that from my resume.

Obviously, he went to Rome. He was -- let me get this straight. I'm sure it would be important. He received a BA in sacred theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He went to the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome. He received a licentiate in sacred theology. He was ordained a deacon in St. Peters on October 7, 1999. He was ordained a priest at St. Paul's on 6/24/2000. He said his first mass on his 46th birthday. He was a master of ceremonies for the Bishop from 2001 to 2002 and secretary to Cardinal Weurl.

I often told him, are you ever going to do parish work, because he was going to school for years and years. He could have probably worked for the Cardinal but that wasn't -- I don't think that was him. He had that call that he wanted to be amongst the people. It was part of that quest almost and he found himself.

And when he came back, if anybody knew Dan, when he would come into a room, it lightened up. It just seemed that it was going to be okay, you know, there was no problem he couldn't really solve. He was always cheerful. And I think that he realized that was reflected in the end of life. He was not upset about cancer. He accepted it. I think he knew he had a life of value and he was perfectly calm.

But I would be remiss if I left out one last story. I know there is other members that are going to give some accounts of Dan. You know, he loved being a priest. He truly did. When we found out that he had a tumor, I remember going down to see him at Mercy. And I worked my way up to the floor. I went to the nurses' desk. I'm like, where is Father Whalen, what room. They said, who. I said Father Whalen. There is no priest up here. I'm like, Dan Whalen. They looked and checked. Is he a priest? I'm like, yeah. Why? What did he have? They go, he put his occupation down as attorney.

So I go into the room. There is Dan. And hey, what is going on, you know. I'm like, you put your occupation down as lawyer, not as priest. He looks at me, he's like, I did, I must be more worse off than I thought because I can't believe I did that. He goes, don't tell anybody out there. I was like, your secret is safe with me.

So, you know --

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Michael.

JUDGE RICHARD DISALLE: Dan Whalen was a law clerk of mine. He was a very dedicated individual, hard worker, good researcher and he did everything I asked him to

do, except go to the grocery store for my wife.

We used to tease each other that working for me, he was in hell and he ended up in heaven as a reverend father. He really enjoyed that. I really enjoyed having him work for me. He was also a law clerk for Judge Bell. And I'm happy to be here. And hopefully he is still in heaven.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Judge DiSalle. I would next like to invite to the podium the Honorable Retired Judge John F. Bell.

JUDGE JOHN BELL: May it please the Court. Members of the Bar, family, and friends of Father Dan Whalen.

I extend my sincere sympathies and condolences to the Whalen family and Tim.

In the early 1980's, I had an opening for a law clerk. Father Whalen put in his resume'. I interviewed him. He was about 25 or 26 years old, a law school graduate, intelligent, articulate, with a pleasant personality, always smiling.

I hired him on the spot that day as my law clerk and Mike Fagella also highly recommended him. But Dan was my second law clerk. The first one retired or whatever.

I found Dan to be self-motivated and he worked well with people, which as a law clerk, it is very necessary to have that skill because you deal with the public as a law clerk and you deal with the attorneys.

Dan needed very little supervision because he caught on quickly to the duties and responsibilities of a law clerk. He was an excellent legal researcher and a writer and had a good grasp of the law. Now, these are essential skills that a law clerk must have.

Dan, you know, he was not a yes man, which I liked that. He never said, anything you say, yes, Judge, yeah, yeah, I'll go with you. No, he was not that way and that was good because we would discuss issues of facts and law on a particular case I may have before me and sometimes he wouldn't agree with my interpretations either to the facts or the law. So not in any type of argument, but with that smile, he would gently tell me, Judge, I disagree with you on this. And I would listen to him and sometimes he would persuade me to change my mind because he gave me another perspective of the case.

He clerked for me for, approximately, three years and occasionally during that period of time, he would discuss his family, whom he loved and devoted very much, including his parents, his brother, Joe, who was at the University of Notre Dame, I believe, at that time, his brother, Tim, who was a priest. I think he also told me he had a sister who lived in the south and another brother, Mark.

Now, at this particular time, Janet and I had a son who was four to five years old and Dan would come over to the house and visit, and he liked playing with John and all this, and John loved him. In fact, John, yesterday, when I told him I was coming here for this Minute for Dan Whalen, he said, be sure and mention that I really loved him and respected him very highly.

Then after he moved away and he received other employment, I would see Dan or we would see Dan professionally at events and social events and he would always ask, never forgot, he would say, Judge, how is little John doing, what's he doing, and we would tell him. Always, he would ask that.

So from my perspective, Dan was always the gentle part of the word gentleman. He was calm, he was cool, one not to ruffle feathers or insult anything or anybody that he disagreed with.

I remember also, as Mike brought up, that Dan was an athlete. He played softball. I think he was on the young lawyers softball team. He played baseball. He was a rugby player at Villanova. And he was also a golfer.

Now, when I said Dan was always a gentleman, he wouldn't want to insult anybody, there is a little story here. One afternoon, on a weekday, a friend of mine called and wanted to know if I wanted to golf. They were trying to get a foursome together. I said, well, yeah, I'll try to get someone. Well, I remembered now that Dan had played golf. And I said, Dan, would you like to play golf as my partner in a foursome. We were going up to Paul's Acres, a nine-hole golf course up here on South Main Street. It's no longer in existence. He said, sure, I would like that.

So I want to tell you something now. Dan was an average or above average golfer. I was below average to terrible. So we went out, it was a nine-hole golf course. We went out and played. I would slice to the left, hook to the right. But anyway, my ball was either in bushes or in the ditch and we were batting around finding these golf balls. Well, what should have taken about an hour and a half, hour and 45 minutes turned into a three-hour course.

So after that was over with, I said, oh, boy, Dan, rough, rough, rough game. Dan said, yeah, it's been a rough day. He said, look, everyone has bad days once in a while, don't get discouraged from that. I said, you're right, I know.

So about a month later, I said, Dan, you know, I got called again, do you want to go with me and play golf again. Yeah, he said, I'll go out with you.

Well, on that nine holes, the same thing happened as the first nine holes. So I said, you know, rough day, rough day. He said, yeah, it was a rough day today.

I guess the story is I hear that a good player does not like to play with a bad player. I guess it would maybe rub off on them.

Now after that, I would, during the course, I would ask Dan if he wants to go out and play nine holes again. He said, no, you know, I'm going to do some legal research. I said, oh. Weeks passed and I said, Dan, you want to go out and play golf. No, he said, you know, I have to go to Pittsburgh for lunch. And then another day, do you want to play. No. He said, I can't. He said, I have to go home tonight.

Well, I got the message maybe he didn't want to play because he thought I was a bad player, which he would have thought right, but he would never, never say anything like that. He would not want to insult me or degrade me in any way. That's the type of fellow he was. He was gentle. Always a gentleman.

So after three or four years as a law clerk, a position opened up on the Pennsylvania Superior Court with Judge Richard DiSalle. So I asked Dan if he would be interested in applying for that position because I thought maybe he should get another perspective of law and appellate procedure. Not that I wanted to get rid of him. It paid him more money by the way. I called Richard and recommended Dan to him and Richard him

Then I lost track of Dan. I didn't see him for a number of years. I heard a lot about him because Mike would keep me informed about him. But then Mike told me, do you know he's going to practice law. I said, well, that's fine. I guess he left Judge DiSalle.

So he came before me in motions court. You all know what motions court is. He had a petition and we handled it. I talked to Dan. You know, I kind of got the feeling he didn't like the law practice. I don't think he liked the adversarial part of practicing law.

And then I lost track again, and I think I heard through Mike that he was a real estate agent. And then I found out later, through Mike, that he wanted to go into a religious life in the seminary. And he was studying for years in Rome, at the Vatican, I assume, and these years slipped by and I did not see or hear much from Dan until I received an invitation from him to his ordination in the priesthood at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh. I think that was summer of 2000.

Janet and I attended the ceremony and afterwards, I approached Father Dan to congratulate him. And I could see immediately his face and his eyes glowed and his eyes were glistening. He was just so happy and showed that happiness and joy. And then it was at that moment that I knew that Dan had found his true calling. He was at peace and he was eager to begin his priestly duties.

And one last story. Again, some years later, I became very seriously ill. I was in the hospital and while there, the door came open and who walked in. Father Dan Whalen in his collar. He said, Judge, God's not ready for you yet, he has other things planned. And we talked for awhile. Of course, he said, how's little John. I said, little John is not little anymore. And he then prayed for me. And after that, he said, well, I wish you luck and he got up and left.

About three or four days later, I recovered. I was released from the hospital and returned home. So rest in peace, Father Dan.

I do want to take this time, though, I would like to note for the record, I know it was mentioned here, that Father John Lynam, our new pastor at the Immaculate Conception church, is present in the courtroom. As you heard, Father Lynam was the classmate of Father Dan and they went to the ordination together and were brought into in priesthood on that day in 2000.

So father, do you want to stand up? Of course, Father Tim Whalen, Dan's brother.

I want to thank you all for coming today.

MR. RONEY: Thank you. Any other members that would like to say on behalf of Dan? Jim Andrews.

MR. ANDREWS: May it please the Court. Members of the clergy, fellow colleagues. I don't have any notes. I can go on forever. I will not talk about Father Dan or Whales, as many of his friends called him, with regard to the legal business. I am more knowledgeable of his, not escapades, but his life outside of the legal business.

I first met Dan when we were in law school and he roomed with his very good friend, Jim Kerr, two away, 16th floor towers. We will leave those stories alone. Nothing bad.

I learned that Dan lived in the South Hills, loved sports and I found, through my relationship with him for the rest of our lives, that he loved God, loved his family, loved Villanova and he loved golfing. I can give a lot of stories on all those topics but I'll just settle on a couple of them.

One on the real estate front. So I had known Father Dan, Whales, a number of years and he called me up, and he called me Dr. J for some reason. But anyhow, he goes, hey, doc, I'm going to go to work for Howard Hannah. I know you and Ms. Gayle will be looking for a house, so give me a call whenever. And it happened at that time that the leading seller for Howard Hannah lived behind us. So I saw her one day and I said, hey, do you know Dan Whalen. Oh, what a nice guy, what a nice buy. And I said, I've known him forever. And the remarks, what a nice guy, that stuck with him for his entire life. Any time you talk about, hey, do you know Dan Whalen, what a nice guy, what a nice guy.

So he called me up and he said, I found a house for you guys. So like 19 houses later that we did not buy, he said, I'm giving up on you, you know, go get a FSBO. He was the first guy who knew what a FSBO -- for sale by owner, that was his comment. Well, there's a FSBO but I don't think you want to buy it.

The next story, and I'll try to keep it short, U.S. Open comes to Oakmont last year or the year before, and he was fighting cancer at the time. So like Tuesday of that week, my cell lights up, oh, Dan Whalen. He goes, doc. I go, yeah, what's up, Dan. He goes, you and Ms. Gayle aren't happening to go to the U.S. Open this week; are you. I go, as a matter of fact, I am. Okay, can you give me a ride. I go, all right, what day do you want to go. So we decide we are going to go Friday.

So I pick him up out at the rectory, take him to the course. I said, well, I had like the cheapest tickets to get in. He goes, I have to go to this special window. A friend of his that knew him through the church had given him tickets. So we met inside the gate. He goes, here's the ticket I have and it was like a pass to get into everything. It was the \$500 pass that somebody had given to him. I go, do you mind if we tag along, Dan. Oh, yeah, that's all right. So we did and never let on -- he treated us kindly.

He couldn't be out in the sun so people that know him know he always wore the wide brimmed hats. And so he had this hat that was the size of a sombrero or something, wearing it around at the course, and we had a really good time that day and took him home and he goes, thanks a lot. But the thing about Dan that I remember, he would always be telling me, did you ever play here, did you play there. Father Dan Whalen played Oakmont more than Arnie Palmer played Oakmont. I'm telling you, the guy played there so many times.

Finally, the story I want to tell is his love for Villanova. I was just telling Father Tim, I said, you know, all the law school guys, we carried the casket, we were pallbearers. I said, the first time that anybody dropped the casket coming out of the church -- Rick Ulrich is out there, he has a bad knee, Larry Baldassare got a bad arm, bad leg. I said, eight invalids trying to carry the casket down the steps. I counted like 40 steps. We get down to the landing and I'm saying, Father Dan, he had so much Villanova stuff in -- he had like a 40 pound blanket, he had a Villanova jacket, Villanova memorabilia. Oh, Father Dan, what the heck.

Well, I'm thinking this year Villanova makes it into the playoffs again. They win the championship last year. I'm saying to myself, hmmm, I wonder if they are going to do it again this year. And then I thought, I know what's happening. He is such a nice guy, he says, Lord, we won it last year, let somebody else win it this year. God rest your soul, Dan.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Jim. Would anybody else like to say anything on behalf of Father Dan?

Father Tim.

FATHER TIM WHALEN: Well, I first met Dan Whalen when I was two years old and my mom brought him home from the hospital. So I'll just start there.

But honestly, I'm so grateful to all of you for being here this afternoon. This was -- you know, he didn't go on to practice law very long, but he loved the law. And I've heard so many stories about working with Judge DiSalle and Judge McCune and Judge Bell. He loved his time down here. This was a big part of his life. Even if he didn't spend a lot of years here, this was a big part of his life.

And I love hearing these new stories. As a matter of fact, just about a month ago, I had a funeral here at Immaculate Conception and afterwards, I'm at the funeral luncheon and this woman comes up and she says, I remember your brother, he was in a bachelor auction. This was the first time I had heard this story. Okay. And she said, he was considered to be quite a catch. And I said, well, did you bid on him. Oh, I bid on him but I couldn't afford him. I said, how much did you bid. She said 20 bucks. I said, oh, that was way too much, way too much. I said, believe me, I have insider knowledge and that was too much money.

But Dan -- you know, as I said, there are a million stories. I'm so grateful for John being here today, one of his best friends and traveling companions when they were in Rome for those five years. Everybody else graduated in four. It took Dan five.

But, you know, people talk to me about the Grateful Dead, there was just that movie or trailer about the new Elton John movie and Dan loved Elton John. I thought to myself, Dan is going to love that movie. And then all of the sudden I realized, Dan's going to be

watching the movie from upstairs.

But all is well that ends well and I'd like to just share, you know, when Dan was -- his last assignment as a pastor was at Holy Spirit Parish in Millvale and so Dan thought that it would be really cool for his bell tone to have Spirit in the Sky, Norman Greenbaum Spirit in the Sky, that's where I want to go when I die, you know. I can't tell you how many times we would be in the hospital, because I was always taking him to his appointments, and that stupid phone would go off and that thing with be blaring with Norman Greenbaum's Spirit in the Sky. And I would be, like, turn that stupid thing off. And he'd just get persistent. He just thought that was so cool. Spirit in the Sky was his mark, one of them.

So, Dan is literally dying and he had a very peaceful, very beautiful death. My mom is in with the Little Sisters of the Poor and that's when Dan needed hospice care and that's where we got him in. And so as he starts to fade, it was on All Saints Day, November 1. The sisters, as is their tradition, he has like ten nuns around his bed, with my mom and my brother. They are all praying rosary and then as Dan expires, the sisters start singing Ave Regina Caelorum, an old Latin hymn, hail queen of the heavens. And the minute -- the exact minute that Dan -- his phone goes off with Spirit in the Sky. And then out of a scene just like Sister Act, some of the nuns start singing along with Spirit in the Sky. It was a classic Dan Whalen moment, but all of us took it as a sign that he is very, very happy where he is at right now. Just a little bit happier than he was down here in Washington. But thank you for making his stay here in Washington such a happy one and thank you for being here this afternoon.

MR. RONEY: Thank you, Father Tim. Is there anybody else? I would like to address you on behalf of Dan.

Dan and I became friends when he started clerking for Judge John Bell. That's when I met Mike Fagella, and I was working in the DA's Office at that time. And we became good friends over all these years and exactly what Mike Fagella has said and Jim Andrews said, everybody said that Dan was a nice guy and he really was.

And again, as Judge Bell said, it was the adversarial process of being a lawyer that he did not like. He wanted things to get resolved. He wanted to help people and that's who Dan was. And his calling wasn't obviously in the law, but he finally found his calling being a priest.

And when he went to Rome, obviously, we did not see him for awhile and then, in 2001, Duquesne Law School was having a CLE over in Rome so we went over there with Duquesne and we tried to connect with Dan.

Well, if you leave messages over there, sometimes you don't get messages back. So one day we finally go back to our hotel. We have been trying to get ahold of Dan and we go to the desk and we said, did we get any messages. It's midnight when we are coming back in there and the guy says, oh, yeah, he called you at 6:00 at night. I said, why didn't you give it to us. Oh, you didn't ask.

So anyway, I called Dan up and he answers the phone. He says, hey, Frank, I'm going

to say mass tomorrow morning at St. Peters. He says, why don't you see who wants to come and invite them to come over. It's 6:30 mass. Well, it's midnight, I'm not going to be knocking on people's doors at that point. So Virginia and I, my wife, Virginia, we went over there to the Vatican there at St. Peter's at 6:30 in the morning. We met Father Dan outside and the Swiss Guard, they let us get through the side there and Dan takes us in the side entranceway. He goes to me, Frank, you were an altar boy; right. I said, of course I was. He goes, good, you're my altar boy today. He said, Virginia, she will be in the congregation. So he said mass and I served as his altar boy in St. Peter's on one of the side altars and it was very enjoyable for me to be an altar boy after I don't know how many decades that I wasn't one.

But anyway, afterwards, we had the chance to talk and he showed us around the church a bit and we had lunch and dinner with him that evening. And when he came back, after, when he came back, we were at his -- when he was at St. Paul's Cathedral and he was being officially ordained, we were there present with him and then also when he said one of his first masses at St. Benedict's, the Abbot parish in Peters Township, which is our church.

Dan was at our house on many occasions for dinner. He loved Ginny's cooking and he would not turn down an invitation when he was invited. We all had a good time with him. Mike Fagella, who was one of Dan's best friends, along with Jim Andrews, we had a very good time with Dan and he is a very wonderful person, always was, always will be in our hearts. So God bless you, Dan.

Is there anything from the Court? Judge DiSalle.

JUDGE JOHN DISALLE: I didn't get to know Dan so much until 1988 when I came back here, but I do remember stopping in my father's office and seeing Dan and Mike having lunch together. And they would try to help me, talk about -- give advice about going to law school because I was getting ready to go to law school. And then I would try to return the favor when my dad came out and started yelling at them to get back to work, I would say, well, don't pay any attention to him, he'll cool off.

In 1988, when I came back to Washington as an Assistant District Attorney, Dan was the first crime victims coordinator for Washington County under John Pettit. And I got to know him then and worked with him. And, of course, he was great with victims, especially young victims, and he was very helpful to me, not having previously had that experience of interviewing victims of crimes and getting them ready to present. And even though he was getting out of the practice of law, he was still very much in tune to that.

He was also, as noted, a realtor. He showed us more like 50 houses. We drove him crazy, but he did find us the house we are living in still to this day and we really appreciated that. He didn't like the business of realty either.

Again, his calling he finally found later. We also had the privilege, when he decided to go into the priesthood and he was in the seminary at the North American College in Rome, we got to go Italy on a tour and we spent two days with Dan and had lunch with him at the college, and he was our personal tour guide in Rome for a couple days. Not

only did he show us the Vatican and all the sites, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, but he also showed us an Irish pub in the city of Rome and a Steeler bar. But that was a great experience for Diane and I.

He also, when he did come back, he officiated at the christening of Mike's daughter, Kristy, at St. Benedict's.

I agree with Judge Bell, you could see the difference in him. He had found peace and that was truly his calling. He loved being part of the parish and the christenings and the Holy Spirit Parish and he did a great job, of course.

Maybe the last time he was in the Courthouse here is, in 2015, when I was moving over to this courtroom, Diane, my wife, and I decided that we should have a blessing of the courtroom. And, of course, we wanted to reach out to Father Dan to do that. And Diane said when she called him, before she even said why she was calling, he said, I have been reading about what's going on, I can't do an exorcism, I'm not authorized, but I will do a blessing of your courtroom. And that was a great moment. He came down and blessed this courtroom and all of us. I don't know that we have always found peace since he blessed our courtroom, but it was a great honor and a privilege to have him here.

I feel privileged and blessed that I got to know him so well and have him be part of my life and my wife's and us be part of his life. May he rest in peace. Thank you, Mr. Roney.

MR. RONEY: If there are no more comments at this point, we would like to close the record on our departed colleague, Reverend Daniel W. Whalen.

When we release after this, we are invited over to the Judges' law library. There is a little social there. If anyone wants to come, you are more than welcome. I'd ask that the records be closed on both Daniel Iler and Reverend Daniel Whalen.

JUDGE JOHN DISALLE: On behalf of the Court of Common Pleas, the Court orders that these Memorial Minutes be closed and made part of the record on behalf of our colleagues, Daniel Iler and Reverend Dan Whalen.

Thank you. Court is adjourned

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me of the hearing of the above-cause, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

Kelly M. Ward, Court Reporter

The foregoing record of the hearing of the above-cause is hereby directed to be filed.

s/JOHN F. DISALLE, JUDGE