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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Additional information about any of these events is available on the Lycoming Law Association website at www.lycolaw.org.

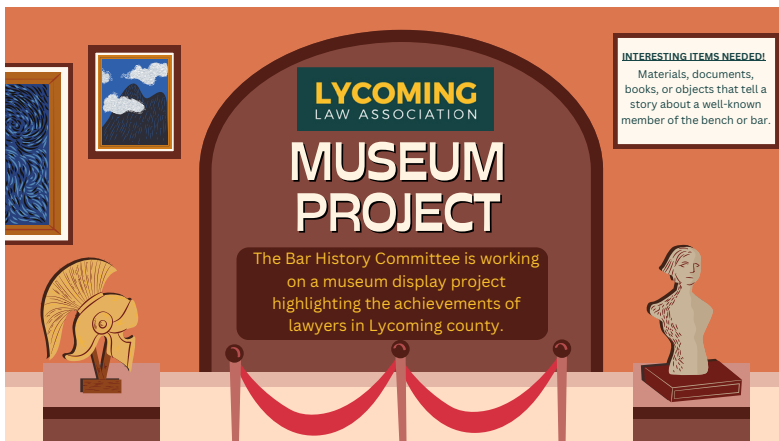
- 2/18/2025 – Criminal Brown Bag Lunch Meeting:** Regularly scheduled Criminal Committee Meeting. All members are invited to attend. **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 2/24/2025 – Executive Committee Meeting:** Regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the LLA Executive Committee. **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 2/27/2025 – YLD Happy Hour Meeting:** All LLA Members under 40 years old or within their first 10 years of practice are invited to join! **Time:** 5:30 PM. **Location:** The Old Corner
- 3/5/2025 – Memorial Service for W. Jeffrey Yates:** Memorial Service for W. Jeffrey Yates. **Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- 3/24/2025 – Executive Committee Meeting:** Regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the LLA Executive Committee. **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 4/12/2025 – Wills for Heroes:** Two free CLE credits for each attorney volunteer (1 ETHICS and 1 SUBSTANTIVE credit) who attends the morning training. Appointments with heroes begin after training. **Time:** 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

UPCOMING LYCOMING COUNTY CLE OPPORTUNITY

- 2/26/2025 – Eat & Earn—FARO 3D Scanner Awareness & Training:** Presented By: Scott Henry and Calvin Irvin, Lyco. Cnty. Detectives. **CLE Credits:** 1 Substantive **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- 4/2/2025 – Eat & Earn—Pro Bono, Civil Legal Aid, and Volunteering:** Presented By: David K. Trevaskis, Esq., Pro Bono Coordinator for PBA. **CLE Credits:** 1 Ethics **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

The full text of the following Lycoming County Court opinions is reported at www.lycolaw.org/cases/search.asp

- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Singleton (02/03/2025)**—Judge Ryan M. Tira
Criminal: Motion seeking disclosure of evidence of prior bad acts; motion to sever wholly unrelated charges; habeas corpus petition; circumstantial evidence establishing a prima facie case of delivery of drugs. (Singleton020325t) (Posted: February 8, 2025)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Gardner (02/03/2025)**—Judge Ryan M. Tira
Criminal: Bail revocation motion; burden of proof; hearsay testimony; exception for statement of opposing party; violation of terms of bail; issues previously litigated. (Gardner020325t) (Posted: February 8, 2025)
- ▶ **Commonwealth vs. Jennings (02/04/2025)**—Judge Nancy L. Butts
Criminal: Post-sentence motion; boilerplate allegations concerning sufficiency and weight of evidence; evidence establishing use of a communications facility and drug sales by defendant; jury’s role in determining credibility; time to raise issue related to effectiveness of counsel; calculation of rule 600 dates; sentencing discretion to impose consecutive or concurrent sentences; excessiveness of sentence. (Jennings020425bt) (Posted: February 7, 2025)



Experienced transactional attorney sought for small, established law firm with an excellent reputation for customer service located in the Williamsport area. We are looking for someone with 3-5 years of experience in estate planning, estate administration, and/or real estate transactions. Competitive salary and benefits package offered. Partnership opportunity available in near future. Please send resume and salary requirements to lisa@rslawyers.net.

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Marc Lovecchio Recognized for Public Service with Nichols Award

Earlier this year, Judge Ryan Gardner, LLA President, announced Marc Lovecchio as the winner of the Lycoming Law Association's 2025 William E. Nichols Community Service Award. In making the presentation, Gardner commented on the recipient's history of mentoring others, including himself.

Primarily, it is Lovecchio's interest in and support of youth athletic programs that led to him receiving the award. Lovecchio has mentored youth and served as coach for soccer teams for decades. His impact on the community as a role model for young people is appreciated.





**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE
January 24, 2025**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, upon the retirement of the Honorable William I. Arbuckle as a United States Magistrate Judge, effective June 8, 2025. The essential function of courts is to dispense justice. An important component of this function is the creation and maintenance of diversity in the court system. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include the following: (1) To exercise all the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon United States Magistrate Judges by law or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; (2) To administer oaths and affirmations, impose conditions of release under 18 U.S.C. §3146, and take acknowledgments, affidavits, and depositions; (3) To try persons accused of misdemeanors committed within this district in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §3401, order presentence investigation reports and sentence such persons; (4) To conduct proceedings in accordance with Fed.R.Cr.P. 40; (5) To conduct extradition proceedings, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §3184; (6) To appoint attorneys under the court's Criminal Justice Act Plan; (7) To review applications by prisoners for post-trial and other relief, make such orders as are necessary to obtain appropriate information which may be of assistance in determining the merits of any complaint, submit reports and recommendations to the district judge having jurisdiction over the

case; (8) To act as a special master when designated by the district court; (9) To receive indictments returned by grand juries; (10) To conduct arraignments to the extent of taking a not guilty plea or noting a defendant's intention to plead guilty or nolo contendere; and (11) Conduct trials and the disposition of civil cases on consent of the parties.

The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. §636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five (5) years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five (5) years;
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy (70) years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a Judge of the appointing District Court with the degree of relationship specified in 28 U.S.C. §458, i.e., "by affinity or consanguinity within the first degree of first cousin."

A merit selection panel composed of seven individuals (five lawyers and two nonlawyer members of the community) will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five (5) persons it considers best qualified.¹ The Court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS

¹No person may be considered by the court for a Magistrate Judge position while serving as a member of a merit selection panel, or for one year after such service is completed. But, the Judicial Conference on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System may grant, on an individual case basis, waivers of the provision prohibiting a member of a merit selection panel from being considered for selection by the Court.

tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (forty and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$223,836.00. The term of office is (8) eight years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position in this Court may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court or from the court's internet website at: www.pamd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and **must be received by February 28, 2025**.

Please provide eight (8) hard copies of your complete application packet to the court via U.S. Mail (ATTN: HR, U.S. District Court, 235 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503) or hand delivery **in addition** to submitting your complete application packet as one pdf file via e-mail to:

HR_PAMD@pamd.uscourts.gov

Please include in the subject line:

MAGISTRATE JUDGE – WILLIAMSPORT

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the Judges of the District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential. Questions may be directed to Peter J. Welsh, Clerk of Court at (717) 221-3940.

ESTATE AND TRUST NOTICES

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

FIRST PUBLICATION**Alexander, Gary Owen, dec'd.**

Late of the Township of Wolf.
Executrix: Trudy Y. Snyder, 3687 Beaver Lake Road, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Attorney: Mark L. Taylor, Esquire, 25 W. Third Street, Suite 701, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 320-7100.

Fulmer, Carole T., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
Executor: Woodlands Bank c/o Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Lewis, Fred J., dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.
Administrator: Frederick F. Wienecke, 4526 Amherst Road, Erie, PA 16506.

Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Moyer, Sandra M., dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.
Executor: Todd C. Moyer c/o Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Norton, Winifred G., dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.
Executor: Robert D. Norton, 19 Meadow Lane, Winthrop, NY 13697.
Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

SECOND PUBLICATION**Cox, Donna L., dec'd.**

Late of Montgomery Borough.
Executrix: Catherine E. Cox c/o Blake C. Marks, Esquire, Lepley, Engelman, Yaw & Wilk, LLC, 140 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Blake C. Marks, Esquire, Lepley, Engelman, Yaw & Wilk, LLC, 140 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Greenbaum, Thomas, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
Administrator: Delores Greenbaum c/o Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Krizan, Marvel C., dec'd.

Late of Lycoming County.
Executor: Timothy Krizan c/o Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, Marshall, Parker & Weber, LLC, 49 E. Fourth Street, Suite 105, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Lewis, Leah W., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Loyalsock.
Executors: Rebecca A. Lewis, 2251 Linwood Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701 and Frederick M. Lewis, 810 Ash Street, Watsontown, PA 17777.
Attorney: Paul A. Roman, Esquire, 1700 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Miller, Robert Leon, dec'd.

Late of the City of Williamsport.
Executrix: Jill A. Shuman, 2425 Lincold Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorney: Mark L. Taylor, Esquire, 25 W. Third Street, Suite 701, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 320-7100.

Rafter, Robert L., Sr., dec'd.

Late of Jersey Shore.
Administratrix: Shirley J. Rafter, 113 Calvert St., Jersey Shore, PA 17740.
Attorney: Leroy H. Keiler, Esquire, 110 Oliver Street, Ste. 2, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, (570) 398-2750.

Wertz, Sharon W., dec'd.

Late of Hughesville.
Executor: Jaden N. Wertz c/o Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

THIRD PUBLICATION

Kish, David Christopher, dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
Administrator: Kyle Murphy.
Attorney: Michael A. Shotto, Jr., Esquire, 951 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA 18704, (570) 820-9800.

Knyrim, Elizabeth A. a/k/a Elizabeth Rogers Knyrim, dec'd.

Late of Montoursville.
Executor: Harry Scott Knyrim, 311 Cypress Street, Montoursville, PA 17754.

Attorneys: Thomas D. Hess, Esquire, Hess and Hess, P.C., 30 South Main Street, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Laudenslager, Charles Thomas, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Armstrong.
Executors: Terry E. Laudenslager, 2235 Sylvan Dell Road, Williamsport, PA 17702 and Susan R. Larson, 179 Fluman Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorney: Paul A. Roman, Esquire, 1700 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Palmer, Ahmeen W., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport City.
Administrator: Gilbert Palmer c/o Elaine T. Yandrisevits, Esquire, 131 W. State St., P.O. Box 50, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Attorneys: Elaine T. Yandrisevits, Esquire, Antheil, Maslow & MacMinn, LLP, 131 W. State St., P.O. Box 50, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Poorman, Kenneth B., Sr., dec'd.

Late of Williamsport.
Executors: Roxanna L. Welter, 901 Meade Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 and Eric J. Matthews, 160 Marsh Hill Road, Trout Run, PA 17771.

Attorneys: Anthony J. Grieco, Esquire, Elion, Grieco & Shipman, P.C., 125 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Rafter, Christina, dec'd.

Late of South Williamsport.
Executrix: Shelby Cupp c/o Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorneys: Stephen C. Sholder, Esquire, Raup & Sholder, P.C., 445 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, (570) 321-0709.

Schild, Doris J., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Montoursville.

Executrix: Karen R. Geschwind, 75 Heritage Drive, Georgetown, OH 45121.

Attorney: Andrea B. Bower, Esquire, 426 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754.

Waltz, Linda L., dec'd.

Late of Duboistown.

Co-Executor: Kevin W. Waltz, 140 Winter Street, Duboistown, PA 17702.

Co-Executrix: Brooke E. Wright, P.O. Box 138, Trout Run, PA 17771.

Attorneys: McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, 433 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

**REGISTER OF WILLS
CONFIRMATION OF
ACCOUNTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all parties interested that the following Accounts together with all Statements of Proposed Distribution accompanying the same have been filed in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court are presented to the Orphans' Court of Lycoming County for Confirmation Absolute March 4, 2025 unless exceptions are filed before 5:00 P.M. on that date.

1. Clark, Harold L., Sr., Estate—Norma J. Laird, Executrix.

2. Cox, Lisa F., Estate—Susan McCarty, Executrix.

3. Paucke, Robert A., Estate—Mary L. Paucke, Executrix.

4. Litzelman, Terry D., Estate—Hayley M. Moss, Executrix.

5. Fink, Jane E., Estate—Leroy H. Keiler, III, Executor.

6. Fry, Reba P., Estate—Lee I. Fry and Floyd S. Fry, Jr., Executors.

David A. Huffman
Register of Wills

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**INTENTION TO
CHANGE NAME**

In the Court of Common Pleas
of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

NO. 24-01, 328

In re: Name Change of
JLV, a minor,
by Robert Wertz, III

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 5, 2024, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court, praying for a decree changing the name of JLV (Jennifer Lynn Vibbard) to JLW (Jennifer Lynn Wertz).

The Court has fixed April 10, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom number 2 of the Lycoming County Courthouse, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701 as the time and place for the hearing on said petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

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