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Too often we ... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought. \sim John F. Kennedy

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 ARNOT, CATHY ANN, dec'd.

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

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Attorney: Bradford D. Wagner, Esquire, 662 Main Street, Hellertown, PA 18055-1726

BROWN, KENNETH, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, PA

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CROWLEY, ANDREW P., dec'd.

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Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

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Co-Executors: J. Erich Hammerstone and Carol Ann Adelmann c/o Kevin F. Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Attorneys: Kevin F. Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

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

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Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

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PA 18042

SMITH, THOMAS HENRY, dec'd. Late of Lehigh Township, Northampton County, PA

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TRASK, CHARLES J., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

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Attorney: Nancy Gasper Aaroe, Esquire, 2568 Nazareth Road, Easton, PA 18045

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated May 22, 2020, Richard W. Kolosky (#43599), whose registered address is in Easton, PA, is Suspended on Consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of one year and one day effective June 21, 2020.

Marcee D. Sloan Board Prothonotary The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania June 4

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation—for Profit were filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for:

JF'sPlace Inc.

under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

June 4

NOTICE OF NONPROFIT INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on May 19, 2020 for the purpose of incorporating a Nonprofit Corporation organized under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

The name of the Nonprofit Corporation is:

MANOR FARMS

The purposes for which it is organized are: to devote such funds as it may receive exclusively for religious, charitable, literary or education purposes, to be accomplished in a manner consistent with the provisions of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to providing care for animals for pet therapy for senior citizens.

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June 4

FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 24, 2020 for:

EDELMAN DRAFTING & DESIGN

at: 202 E. Plainfield Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. The name and address of the individual interested in the business are Steven Edelman at 202 E. Plainfield Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. 311.

June 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 3, 2020 for:

SOLOMON'S AFFORDABLE SALES & SERVICE

at: 100 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064. The name and address of the individual interested in the business are Sabrina Smith at 100 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. 311.

June 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 1, 2020 for:

STEWART AUTOMOTIVE

at: 854 Washington Avenue, Apartment 3, Northampton, PA 18067. The name and address of the individual interested in the business are Tammy Oswald at 854 Washington Avenue, Apartment 3, Northampton, PA 18067. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa. C.S. 311.

June 4

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

IN CHILD CUSTODY ANITA S. WOODYEAR

Plaintiff

v.

SAMANTHA M. TARVER, ALTHENA WOODYEAR and ALDEAN CHANDLER

Defendants

NO. C48CV2018-12132

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Althena Woodyear, Aldean Chandler

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amended Complaint for Custody has been filed in the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas entitled Anita S. Woodyear, Plaintiff vs. Samantha M. Tarver, Althena Woodyear and Aldean Chandler, Defendants at Docket No. C48CV2018-12132 requesting sole physical and sole legal custody of minor child J.C., born August 3, 2018.

NOTICE

If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objection in writing with the court. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without further notice for the relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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

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June 4

NOTICE

The City of Bethlehem Codified Ordinances have been revised and updated from January 2019 through December 2019. Updates are available in electronic and paper formats. Updates in paper format cost \$25.00. The City's Codified Ordinances are available on the City's website on page: https://archive. bethlehem-pa.gov/ordinance/index. html. The Codified Ordinances, in paper format, including the latest updates through December 2019, are available at the cost of \$150 for the entire set. Checks should be made payable to: City of Bethlehem. Contact: Judy Kelechava, Assistant City Clerk, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 865-7130 or cityclerk@bethlehem-pa.gov.

June 4

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: THIRD JUDICIAL : No.: 35 MM 2020

DISTRICT - DECLARATION : OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY :

DECLARATION

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order dated May 27, 2020, I declare a judicial emergency in the Third Judicial District for the following period: June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

/s/ Michael J. Koury, Jr.
MICHAEL J. KOURY, JR.
PRESIDENT JUDGE

Dated: May 27, 2020

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: GENERAL STATEWIDE : Nos. 531 and 532

JUDICIAL EMERGENCY : Judicial

: Administration

: Docket

CESSATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AFTER JUNE 1, 2020

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 27th day of May, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's constitutionally-conferred general supervisory and administrative authority over all courts and magisterial district judges, *see* PA. Const. art. V, §10(a), this Court DIRECTS that the general, statewide judicial emergency declared and maintained via this Court's Orders of March 16, March 18, March 24, April 1, and April 28, 2020, SHALL CEASE as of June 1, 2020. The previous Orders in this line SHALL EXPIRE according to their own terms.

In light of ongoing public-health concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the intermediate appellate courts have issued various administrative orders, and nearly all local courts have utilized the procedures specified in Rule of Judicial Administration 1952 and/or this Court's prior Orders to declare local emergencies. Such administrative orders and local emergencies REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, and President Judges in those judicial districts may continue to exercise emergency powers under Rule 1952(B)(2). Extant administrative orders issued by the intermediate courts and local emergency orders and directives, including any provisions of these affecting time calculations or deadlines, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT until they expire or are rescinded by this Court, by an intermediate court, or locally. Self-

effectuating extensions of local emergencies may be filed by President Judges of the judicial districts.¹

Should President Judges in the remaining judicial districts deem it prudent to exercise emergency powers beyond the time of an existing declaration, they may also file a declaration of an emergency in their districts with the Supreme Court Prothonotary in the Eastern, Western, or Middle District Office, as appropriate for the particular local judicial district. Such a declaration generally SHALL BE SELF-EFFECTUATING, subject to any subsequent order by this Court or the local court.

Under any administrative order issued by an intermediate court or local emergency declaration, a President Judge IS HEREBY SPECIFICALLY EMPOWERED, subject to state and federal constitutional requirements, to do any or all of the following:

- (1) Limit in-person access and proceedings in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public;
- (2) Suspend statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies;
- (3) Suspend statewide rules that impede local provision for court filings by means other than in-person delivery;
- (4) Suspend statewide rules pertaining to the rule-based right of criminal defendants to a prompt trial; and
- (5) Suspend jury trials until such time that they can be conducted consistent with prevailing health and safety norms.

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts remains ready to provide guidance to the appellate and local courts concerning implementation of technological resources

¹ If a docket number has been assigned to the judicial district for emergency purposes, any further declaration or order concerning extensions, administrative directives, or other matters associated with the local judicial emergency should be captioned so as to indicate that docket number. For convenience, declarations of emergency, extensions, and associated local orders may be transmitted via electronic mail to: Irene.Bizzoso@pacourts.us.

and maintenance of appropriate health-and-safety measures to protect court personnel, court users, and members of the public.

Guidance to Legal Professionals

In previous orders, this Court authorized and encouraged both courts and legal professionals to use advanced communication technology whenever possible to protect public health and safety. In addition, our April 28, 2020 order specifically referenced guidance by the executive branch providing that while law offices (like most other businesses) remained generally closed, lawyers and staff could access their physical offices under certain circumstances. That executive branch guidance, which then applied statewide, now applies only to those areas of the state designated by the executive branch as being in the "Red Phase." See Guidance for Businesses Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees and the Public, https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/ 2020/05/20200504-COVID-19-Business-Guidance.pdf (last visited May 22, 2020).

As regions of the state reopen, and as courts resume the full range of court business, the need for legal professionals to gain greater physical access to their offices naturally increases as well. Pennsylvania attorneys have an obligation under our Rules of Professional Conduct to promptly, competently, and diligently represent their clients. To that end, attorneys and staff must be able to, and therefore may, access their physical offices at least to the extent the attorneys reasonably believe doing so is necessary to satisfy their professional obligations, provided they take appropriate measures to protect the safety of their employees and the public.

The Court notes that the executive branch has issued guidance concerning business operations in what it has designated the "Yellow Phase" and the "Green Phase." The executive direction for operations in the Yellow Phase is presently that "all businesses, except [for categories not relevant here], are permitted to conduct in-person operations, so long as they strictly adhere to the requirements of this guidance." *Id*.

The "Policy" section of the executive guidance further provides:

All businesses, even those that are authorized to maintain in-person operations, must strive to minimize opportunities for personal interaction because such interactions provide greater opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19. Businesses must employ remote or virtual methods of doing business whenever and wherever possible.

Businesses that must conduct in-person operations and activities, because their employees cannot telework, must adhere strictly to this guidance. In addition, businesses that maintain in-person operations must make their employees and customers aware of the efforts and commitment to protecting their health and safety.

 $Id.^2$

As to what the executive branch has designated the "Green Phase," the guidance provides that "all businesses (including those restricted or prohibited in the Yellow Phase) are authorized to conduct in-person operations as long as the businesses follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines and other orders or guidance that may be required at that time." *Id*.

At present, the Court finds the executive branch guidance to be consistent with the level and manner of physical office access that the Court has deemed necessary for attorneys to promptly, competently, and diligently represent their clients.

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 $^{^2}$ The guidance provides further details concerning building, employee, and public safety. See id.

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