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Iron Pigs Game

April 11, 2024

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NOTICE TO NCBA MEMBERS – BAR NEWS

2024 NCBA Committees

If you would like to be part of the 2024 Committees, complete your Committee Preference Form and return it to the NCBA Office. New committees are forming, Chairs are scheduling their meetings and we want you to be part of it!

Legally Bound Book Club

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Easton Wine Project, 5:00 p.m.

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

All members are welcome to join.

Save the Dates!

Thursday, April 11—Iron Pigs Game

Monday, May 13—Law Day

Thursday, May 16—Quarterly Association Meeting

Who's the more foolish – the fool or the fool who follows him? ~ Obi-Wan Kenobi

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**FALCONE, JOHN A. a/k/a JOHN A. FALCONE, JR.,** dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Bangor, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Staci Marie George, 400 True Blue Road, Bangor, PA 18013

Attorneys: Ronold J. Karasek, Esquire, Karasek Law Offices, LLC, 641 Market Street, Bangor, PA 18013

GERHARD, RUSSEL J., dec'd.

Late of Northampton, Northampton County, PA
Executor: Jeffrey N. Gerhard, 418 West Madison Street, Easton, PA 18042

HARSTINE, NANCY A., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, PA
Executors: William John Kummer, Jr. and Robert Louis Kummer c/o Theresa Hogan, Esquire, 340 Spring Garden Street, Easton, PA 18042

Attorney: Theresa Hogan, Esquire, 340 Spring Garden Street, Easton, PA 18042

KINIUK, PEARL O., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Lower Saucon, Northampton County, PA

Executor: Gregory John Rikli c/o Dionysios C. Pappas, Esquire, Vasiliadis Pappas Associates LLC, 2551 Baglyos Circle, Suite A-14, Bethlehem, PA 18020

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LEHR, RONALD C., dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA

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Attorney: Paul J. Harak, Esquire, 1216 Linden Street, P.O. Box 1409, Bethlehem, PA 18016

SCHRADER, JEANNE MARGARET a/k/a JEANNE D. SCHRADER, dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Hellertown, Northampton County, PA

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

SMOCK, RAY N., dec'd.

Late of Freemansburg, Northampton County, PA

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ALTNER, HENRY E., dec'd.

Late of Easton, Northampton County, PA
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BALOUS, MATTIE P., dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Karen L. McCray
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BORTON, JUDITH E.K., dec'd.

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Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
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Attorney: Vivian I. Zumas, Esquire, 742 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

BUSKIRK, MARIAN M., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Moore, Northampton County, PA
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Late of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, PA

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FOGEL, SHELBA J., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, PA
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Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
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HOEFT, RAEGAN MERCEDES, dec'd.

Late of Hanover Twp., Northampton County, PA
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Late of Bethlehem Twp., Northampton County, PA
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Late of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
 Administrator: Richard Joseph Menegus, Jr. c/o Kevin Frank Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018
 Attorneys: Kevin Frank Danyi, Esquire, Danyi Law, P.C., 133 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

MOFFO, NORMAN A., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Palmer, Northampton County, PA
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Attorneys: Charles Bruno,
Esquire, Bruno Law, P.O. Box
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STREBIG, ROBERT F., dec'd.

Late of the Borough of East
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468, Easton, PA 18044-0468

Attorneys: Charles Bruno,
Esquire, Bruno Law, P.O. Box
468, Easton, PA 18044-0468

TRAUBEL, ADAM F., dec'd.

Late of 2042 Alice Drive,
Township of Lower Saucon,
Northampton County, PA

Administratrix: Cristina DeMatos
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ROBERT JOHN TROTТА,**
dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem City, North-
ampton County, PA

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Trotta a/k/a Robert Joseph
Trotta and Laura Trotta a/k/a
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Northampton County, PA

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Late of Easton, Northampton
County, PA

Executor: Jeffrey Michael
Whitesell, 1823 Ferry Street,
Easton, PA 18042

THIRD PUBLICATION

FISHER, ALLEN JOHN, SR., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Moore,
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Attorneys: Peters, Moritz, Peischl,
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GANO, WILLIAM P., dec'd.

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PA

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Late of Bethlehem, Northampton
County, PA

Executor: David S. Green c/o Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105
Attorneys: Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105

GRIDER, ROBERT A., dec'd.

Late of Moore Township, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Robin L. Perun c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101
Attorneys: Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., Two City Center, 645 West Hamilton Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18101

HAMILL, SUSAN T., dec'd.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Susan M. Gallagher c/o Timothy B. Fisher, II, Esquire, Fisher & Fisher Law Offices, P.O. Box 396, Gouldsboro, PA 18424
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HERMAN, MaryAnne P., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Plainfield, Northampton County, PA
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Late of the Borough of Hellertown, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Jeanine Loh c/o Henry Newton, Jr., Esquire, 127 N. 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042
Attorney: Henry Newton, Jr., Esquire, 127 N. 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

KOZERO, MARIE E., dec'd.

Late of Northampton, Northampton County, PA
Personal Representatives: Donna M. McCorkle and Cynthia Ann Holihan c/o Paul S. Frank, Esquire, King Spry Herman Freund & Faul LLC, One West Broad Street, Suite 700, Bethlehem, PA 18018
Attorneys: Paul S. Frank, Esquire, King Spry Herman Freund & Faul LLC, One West Broad Street, Suite 700, Bethlehem, PA 18018

MIDDLETON, BRIDGET C., dec'd.

Late of the Township of Palmer, Northampton County, PA
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PASQUALI, MARGARET, dec'd.

Late of Hanover Township, Northampton County, PA
Executrix: Lorraine Mary Pasquali c/o Constantine M. Vasiliadis, Esquire, Kolb,

Vasiliadis, Florenz & Recchiuti, LLC, 60 W. Broad Street, Suite 303, Bethlehem, PA 18018-5721
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SAVARY, DARIS LORRAINE, dec'd.

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Attorneys: Daniel E. Cohen, Attorney, Hof & Reid, LLC, 3101 Emrick Blvd., Suite 205, Bethlehem, PA 18020

SEISHOLTZ, MELODIE ROBYN, dec'd.

Late of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA
Administratrix: Maria A. Verzino Attorney: David M. Backenstoe, Esquire, 148 Main Street, Hellertown, PA 18055

WALKER, MARY C., dec'd.

Late of Northampton, Northampton County, PA
Successor Trustee: Carol Kercher c/o Noonan Law Office, 526 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18101-2394
Attorneys: Noonan Law Office, 526 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18101-2394

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation were filed for:

LAKE HYDRA, INC.

with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 22, 2024. The registered office is: 2030 Chester Rd.,

Bethlehem, PA 18017 in Northampton County. This corporation is incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Apr. 4

CORPORATE FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Names Act of Pennsylvania that an application for registration of a fictitious name was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the conduct of a business under the fictitious name of:

AP CUSTOM METAL

with its principal office at: 2805 Lambert Court, Easton, PA 18040. The names and address of the entity and persons who are parties to the registration are: Papric Properties, LLC; Aleksandar Papric and Joanne Papric, 2805 Lambert Court, Easton, PA 18040.

Apr. 4

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Shareholders and Directors of **Palmer Plastics, Inc.**, a Pennsylvania Corporation, having an address of 2906 William Penn Highway, Easton, Pennsylvania, have approved a proposal that the Corporation voluntarily dissolve, and that the Board of Directors is now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the Corporation so that its corporate existence will end, pursuant to the filing of Articles of Dissolution with the Pennsylvania Corporation Bureau pursuant to the provisions of Section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

ALFRED S. PIERCE, ESQUIRE
PIERCE & STEIRER, LLC

124 Belvidere Street
Nazareth, PA 18064

Apr. 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Thomas Beiser of Flemington, New Jersey, has made application to Northampton County for a Private Detective License. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for April 17, 2024 at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 1 at the Northampton County Courthouse located at 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042. Thomas Beiser Petitioner. Docket # MD 136-2024.

Apr. 4, 11

IN THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following accounts in decedents' estates, have been filed in the Office of the Orphans' Court of Northampton County, and that the same will be called for Confirmation on MAY 1, 2024 at 9 A.M., IN COURTROOM #1, at which time the Courts will hear exceptions, and make distribution of the balances ascertained to be in the hands of accountants.

*Estate of R. ALLEN CRESSMAN;
Jennifer Bertrand, Administratrix

Patricia Manento
Acting Register of Wills &
Clerk of Orphans' Court
Mar. 28; Apr. 4

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2024, the Petition of Emily Anne Henry was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas at C-48-CV-2024-02422, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Emily Anne Henry to Emily Connors Henry. The court has fixed May 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

in Motions Court at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for hearing of the Petition. All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Apr. 4

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 20, 2024, the Petition of Mihai Sofronie was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas at No. C-48CV2023-10204, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Sorin Mihai Sofronie to Mihai Sorin Sofronie. The Court has fixed Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in courtroom #4 at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for hearing of the Petition. All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Apr. 4

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 22, 2024, the Petition of Brett Cooper Upton was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas at No. C-48-CV-2024-1314, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Brett Cooper Upton to Ivy Lorelei Upton. The Court has fixed Monday, April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in motions court at the Northampton County Courthouse as the date for hearing of the Petition. All persons interested in the proposed change of name may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Apr. 4

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION—LAW**

**IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE No.: C-48-AD-21-2024
ORDER 2024-3 AMENDING
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-19 TO INCLUDE ALL
CASES WHERE A VIOLATION
OF 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802
IS CHARGED**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 27th day of March, 2024, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 131(A)(3), the President Judge finds that the interests of justice require that preliminary hearings for all criminal cases where a violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802 (DUI) is charged shall be integrated into the Third Judicial District's Central Court.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that Administrative Order 2021-19, establishing a Central Court, is hereby amended to include the procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A in order to serve the public's compelling interest in an efficient, secure, and cost-effective judiciary.¹ These procedures shall take effect on April 1, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Craig A. Dally _____
CRAIG A. DALLY
PRESIDENT JUDGE

¹ Much of the rationale set forth in Administrative Order 2021-5 concerning the efficiency, security, and cost-effectiveness of a central court supports the Incorporation of all DUI cases into the procedures of the Third Judicial District's existing Central Court.

EXHIBIT A***NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS DUI CENTRAL COURT PROCEDURES***

1. In all criminal cases originating in the Magisterial District Courts of the Third Judicial District where a violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802 (DUI) is charged, preliminary hearings shall be held in the Northampton County Courthouse, Courtroom 4, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042. The courtroom where such preliminary hearings are conducted shall be known as “DUI Central Court.”

2. The operations of DUI Central Court shall be administered by the Court Administrator of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas and employees in the Office of Court Administration (“DUI Central Court Staff”). The Court Administrator and DUI Central Court Staff shall be responsible for all administrative functions of DUI Central Court, including, but not limited to, creating the rotation schedule for Magisterial District Judges (“MDJ”), assigning and supervising courtroom personnel and support staff, creating the calendar for scheduling of all DUI preliminary hearings, processing requests for continuances, providing court files to the designated MDJ sitting in Central Court, setting protocols governing security and public health issues, and coordinating with Magisterial District Courts, the Northampton County Sheriff’s Department, the Criminal Division of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas, the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s office, police departments, private counsel, litigants, and witnesses. DUI Central Court may be contacted by calling 610-829-6919 or by sending an email to centralcourt@norcopa.gov.

3. On each day that DUI Central Court is in session, one MDJ shall be temporarily reassigned from his or her own Magisterial District Court to DUI Central Court and shall preside over all proceedings conducted in DUI Central Court that day. MDJs shall be assigned to DUI Central Court on

a rotating basis, with the duty of serving in DUI Central Court apportioned equally among all Magisterial District Judges. The rotation schedule shall be created by the Court Administrator. If an MDJ will be unable to assume his or her assignment for a particular date, the assigned MDJ shall be responsible for securing another MDJ to assume the assignment for that date and shall notify DUI Central Court Staff of the change as soon as is reasonably practicable.

4. In addition to the assigned MDJ, the following departments shall provide at least one (1) representative on each scheduled DUI Central Court date:

- (a) District Attorney's Office;
- (b) Public Defender's Office;
- (c) Adult Probation; and
- (d) Northampton County Pretrial Services

5. The Office of Court Administration shall devise and promulgate to all MDJs a schedule of DUI Central Court days. DUI Central Court will be scheduled in hourly time slots beginning at **9:00 a.m.** The number of cases scheduled for each block shall be determined by the Administrative Judge of Criminal Division in consultation with the Court Administrator and District Attorney.

6. Preliminary hearings for DUI cases shall be scheduled by the originating Magisterial District Court through the Magisterial District Judge System ("MDJS"), as follows:

(a) at the conclusion of a preliminary arraignment, the MDJ shall issue a written notice (1) identifying the date, time, and place of the DUI preliminary hearing in accordance with the requirements of this order and Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 540; (2) indicating whether the defendant will require a foreign-language interpreter for the preliminary hearing and, if so, the language for which the interpreter will be needed; (3) stating that, if the preliminary hearing is scheduled to take place at DUI Central Court, the location of the hearing will not change regardless of whether the defendant remains incarcerated at the time of the preliminary hearing or is released from

incarceration prior to the date of the preliminary hearing; and (4) providing that if an incarcerated defendant is released from incarceration prior to the date of the preliminary hearing, the defendant shall notify DUI Central Court within twenty-four hours of his or her release by calling 610-829-6919 or by sending an email to centralcourt@norcopa.gov; or

(b) upon the issuance of a writ of summons, the MDJ shall issue written notice: (1) identifying the date, time, and place of the DUI preliminary hearing in accordance with the requirements of this Order; (2) indicating whether the defendant will require a foreign-language interpreter for the preliminary hearing and, if so, the language for which the interpreter will be needed; and (3) containing all other necessary information required by Pa.R.Crim.P. 510.

7. The preliminary hearing for any defendant charged with a DUI who remains incarcerated shall proceed in accordance with Northampton County Administrative Order 2021-19. If an incarcerated defendant charged with DUI is released prior to their scheduled non-DUI Central Court date, his/her preliminary hearing will be continued to the next available DUI Central Court date and the procedures stated herein shall be applicable.

8. Defendants may waive their preliminary hearing at DUI Central Court before the presiding MDJ. Defendants represented by counsel of record may waive their preliminary hearing prior to a defendant's DUI Central Court date at the originating MDJ. Cases where a written waiver is received shall proceed in accordance with the applicable Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and Court Administration Procedure.

9. Cases where a defendant elects to proceed with a preliminary hearing shall be returned to the issuing authority within the magisterial district in which the offense allegedly occurred; who shall then comply with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure pertaining to preliminary hearings. Additionally,

(a) the originating MDJ's office shall notify all parties, affiants, and other witnesses of the rescheduled preliminary hearing date. Witnesses may be subpoenaed upon the Commonwealth's request.

(b) cases where the defendant or counsel of record are unavailable for the initial DUI Central Court listing may be rescheduled by Court Administration to the next available DUI Central Court date.

(c) cases where a defendant, or counsel of record, requests a continuance at the time of the preliminary hearing shall be removed from DUI Central Court and returned to the issuing authority within the magisterial district in which the offense allegedly occurred; who shall then comply with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure pertaining to preliminary hearings.

(d) nothing shall prevent a defendant from applying for admission into the ARD or ASP programs subsequent to the initial DUI Central Court date at the originating MDJ's office or at Formal Arraignment.

10. The preliminary hearing of a defendant who fails to appear for their scheduled DUI Central Court date shall be returned to the issuing authority within the magisterial district in which the offense allegedly occurred; who shall then comply with the provision of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure pertaining to preliminary hearings.

11. Defendants who are interested in, and eligible for, either Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) or the Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) will be provided applications and information regarding these programs at DUI Central Court.

12. Defendants represented by counsel of record and who intend to proceed with the ARD program may waive their Formal Arraignment in compliance with P.A.R.Crim.P. 571.

13. All defendants will be scheduled for a Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluation and receive information about acquiring a Drug and Alcohol Evaluation at DUI Central Court date by Northampton County Adult Probation.

14. The staff of the originating Magisterial District Court shall require that the written notices referenced in paragraphs 6 and 9 above and the following documents (as and where applicable) be entered into the MDJS and scanned into the Electronic Records Management System (“ERMS”): criminal complaint, affidavit of probable cause, confidential information form, bail bond, executed and returned arrest warrant, executed and returned search warrants, and any and all other documents created or referenced at the preliminary arraignment. The ERMS shall be accessible to the originating Magisterial District Court and DUI Central Court Staff.

15. As soon as is reasonably practicable, DUI Central Court Staff shall provide copies of the documents scanned into the ERMS and the schedule of upcoming preliminary hearings to (1) the Criminal Division of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas; (2) the Northampton County District Attorney’s Office; (3) the Northampton County Public Defender’s Office; and (4) defense attorneys.

16. The schedule of each week’s preliminary hearings to be held at DUI Central Court shall be posted on the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas website at “www.nccpa.org” and in the hallway outside Central Court.

17. Following each proceeding in DUI Central Court, DUI Central Court Staff shall scan any and all documents generated at the proceeding into the ERMS. When all DUI Central Court proceedings in an individual case have been concluded, Central Court Staff shall deliver the original case documents to the Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas as soon as possible. Any documents required to be provided to the Office of the District Attorney or the Public Defender’s Office shall be transmitted to those Offices by DUI Central Court Staff.

18. The Court Administrator shall take all steps necessary to implement the provisions of this Order.

19. ***This Order shall become effective on April 1, 2024.***

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