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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

Bench Bar Fundraising Committee Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
via Zoom

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

Pardon Project Training  
2:00 p.m.  
ECBA Headquarters in-person (must RSVP)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

Live ECBA Lunch-n-Learn Seminar  
*Support Rules Update*  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
The Will J. Schaaf & Mary B. Schaaf  
Education Center in-person or via Zoom  
*Click link for details*  
<https://www.eriebar.com/events/public-registration/1748>

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

Annual Senior Lawyers Division  
Holiday Lunch  
Noon  
Erie Club, 524 Peach Street, Erie, Second Floor  
*Click link for details*  
<https://www.eriebar.com/events/ecba-events/1749-annual-senior-lawyers-division-holiday-lunch>

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Workers' Compensation Section Meeting  
Noon  
ECBA Headquarters in-person (must RSVP)  
or via Zoom

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

ECBA Board of Directors Holiday Party  
4:30 p.m.  
Room 33 Speakeasy  
1033 State St., Erie

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

ECBA Board of Directors Orientation  
Noon  
ECBA Headquarters in-person (must RSVP)  
or via Zoom

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

ECBA Board of Directors Meeting  
4:00 p.m.  
Location TBD

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

Solo/Small Firms Division Meeting  
Noon  
ECBA Headquarters live (must RSVP)  
or via Zoom

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021**  
Christmas Holiday  
ECBA Office Closed  
Erie County and Federal Courthouses Closed

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

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In the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County Pennsylvania  
Docket No. 12572-2021

In re: Elizabeth Jane Lander, a minor, Isabella Rose Lander, a minor, and Xavior Thomas Lander, a minor  
Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the above named Court by Lindsey Christine Confer, requesting an Order to change the names of Elizabeth Jane Lander to Elizabeth Jane Confer, Isabella Rose Lander to Isabella Rose Confer, and Xavior Thomas Lander to Xavior Thomas Confer.

The Court has fixed the 4th day of January, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom B of the Erie County Courthouse, 140 W. 6th St., Erie, PA 16501 as the time and place for the hearing on said petition, when and where all parties may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

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**CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE**

In the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, Pennsylvania 12201-2021  
Notice is hereby given that a Petition was filed in the above named court requesting an Order to change the name of Patricia Ann Perdue to Yosheta Perdue.

The Court has fixed the 22nd day of December, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Court Room G, Room 222, of the Erie County Court House, 140 West 6th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501 as the time and place for the Hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested parties may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ERIE COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
No. 12118-2021

CORALIE J. KARTESZ, Plaintiff  
v.

ACHIA CROSBY AND  
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,  
Defendants

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**FIRST PUBLICATION**

**BEST, BARBARA J.,  
deceased**

Late of North East Township, Erie County  
*Executrix:* Jeanette Horton  
*Attorney:* William J. Kelly, Jr., Esquire, 230 West 6th Street, Suite 201, Erie, PA 16507

**BLILEY, RICHARD J.,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Fairview, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Co-executors:* Peter G. Bliley and Sean A. Bliley, c/o Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506  
*Attorney:* Colleen R. Stumpf, Esq., Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506

**BRADLEY, EMILY L.,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* Noel A. Bradley, Jr., c/o Jeffrey D. Scibetta, Esq., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501  
*Attorney:* Jeffrey D. Scibetta, Esq., Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501

**BUCZYNSKI, LEON J., JR.,  
deceased**

Late of North East Township, Erie County, North East, PA  
*Co-executors:* Katherine A. Kloss and Leon J. Buczynski, III, c/o 33 East Main Street, North East, Pennsylvania 16428  
*Attorney:* Robert J. Jeffery, Esq., Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., 33 East Main Street, North East, Pennsylvania 16428

**COLLINS, LUTHER S.,  
deceased**

Late of Harborcreek Township, Erie County, Erie, PA  
*Executrix:* Paula M. Johnson, c/o 33 East Main Street, North East, Pennsylvania 16428  
*Attorney:* Robert J. Jeffery, Esq., Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., 33 East Main Street, North East, Pennsylvania 16428

**COTTON, KIMBERLY, a/k/a  
KIMBERLY SUE COTTON,  
deceased**

Late of the Borough of North East, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Administratrix:* Kristina Cotton, 11 Pershing Avenue, North East, PA 16428  
*Attorney:* None

**DRAMBLE, JOAN M.,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* Thomas M. Fialkowski, c/o Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508  
*Attorney:* Darlene M. Vlahos, Esq., Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508

**FERRARA, MARTIN F.,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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**FETTERMAN, DIANA R.,  
deceased**

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**KRAUS, SHIRLEY H.,  
deceased**

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**MALONE, RONALD ROBERT,  
a/k/a RONALD ROBERT**

**MALONE, SR.,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* Ronald R. Malone, Jr., 11924 Middle Road, East Springfield, Pennsylvania 16411  
*Attorney:* None

**OLSON, DARLENE D.,  
deceased**

Late of the Summit Township, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania  
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*Attorneys:* CONNER RILEY FRIEDMAN & WEICHLER, 17 West 10th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501

**SAEGER, SHIRLEY A.,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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*Attorney:* Valerie H. Kuntz, Esq., 24 Main St. E., P.O. Box 87, Girard, PA 16417

**SECOND PUBLICATION**

**BUFFALARI, SHARON RAE,  
a/k/a SHARON RAE ROLOFF,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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*Attorney:* None

**CROWL, PAUL A., a/k/a  
PAUL ALBERT CROWL,  
deceased**

Late of Washington Township, Erie County, PA  
*Executor:* James A. Crowl, 17063 State Hwy. 86, Saegertown, PA 16433  
*Attorney:* Jeffrey C. Youngs, Esq., Pepicelli, Youngs and Youngs PC, 363 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335

**CRYDER, JACK A.,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Albion, County of Erie, Pennsylvania  
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*Attorney:* James L. Moran, Esquire, 3939 West Ridge Road, Suite B-27, Erie, PA 16506

**CUMMINGS, JACK D.,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Corry, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Administratrix:* Nicole L. Marsh, 6043 Pine Valley Lane, Fairview, PA 16415-3271  
*Attorneys:* MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP, 100 State Street, Suite 700, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507-1459

**FISHER, CATHERINE L., a/k/a  
CATHERINE LOUISE FISHER,  
deceased**

Late of Millcreek Township, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* James H. Richardson  
*Attorney:* James H. Richardson, Esquire, ELDERKIN LAW FIRM, 456 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

**GRAVES, DOROTHY J., a/k/a  
DOROTHY JANE GRAVES, a/k/a  
DOROTHY GRAVES,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Conneaut, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* James A. Graves, 10 Hoppin John Lane, Taylors, SC 29687  
*Attorney:* Grant M. Yochim, Esq., 24 Main St. E., P.O. Box 87, Girard, PA 16417

**HAMILTON, FRANCES R.,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Erie  
*Executrix:* Barbara Monteith, 4020 Sunset Blvd., Erie, PA 16504  
*Attorney:* David J. Mack, Esquire, 510 Parade Street, Erie, PA 16507

**HOUGH, ROENA C., a/k/a  
ROENA HOUGH,  
deceased**

Late of the Borough of Girard, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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*Attorney:* Grant M. Yochim, Esq., 24 Main St. E., P.O. Box 87, Girard, PA 16417

**JAY, FRANK E., a/k/a  
FRANK JAY,  
deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
*Administratrix:* Sandra Monroe, 322 Blackstone Drive, Erie, PA 16505  
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**LICHTENWALTER, MARY A.,  
deceased**

Late of 7569 Anchor Drive, Fairview, PA 16415  
*Administratrix:* Sara Lichtenwalter, 377 Fieldstone Way, Erie, PA 16505  
*Attorney:* Matthew J. Parini, Esquire, 502 West Seventh Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16502

**MIHALCO, HILDA J.,  
deceased**

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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**NAGORSKI, CARL EDWARD, JR., a/k/a CARL E. NAGORSKI, JR., a/k/a CARL NAGORSKI, a/k/a CARL E. NAGORSKI, deceased**

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**WALKIEWICZ, MARGARET J., a/k/a MARGARET WALKIEWICZ, deceased**

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*Attorneys:* MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP, 100 State Street, Suite 700, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507-1459

**WINSTON, JOHN, a/k/a JOHN P. WINSTON, a/k/a JOHN PATRICK WINSTON, deceased**

Late of the Township of McKean, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania  
*Executor:* David R. Devine, c/o David R. Devine, Esq., 201 Erie Street, Edinboro, PA 16412  
*Attorney:* David R. Devine, Esq., 201 Erie Street, Edinboro, PA 16412

**THIRD PUBLICATION**

**BARTLETT, EMILY, deceased**

Late of Millcreek Township, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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**CASSIDY, ELIZABETH E., deceased**

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*Attorney:* Gregory A. Karle, Esq., Dailey, Karle & Villella, 731 French Street, Erie, PA 16501

**INMAN, NORMA J., a/k/a NORMA JEAN INMAN, deceased**

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**KIEL, RUTH C., deceased**

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*Attorney:* Darlene M. Vlahos, Esq., Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508

**LANDIS, WANDA J., a/k/a WANDA LANDIS, deceased**

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**LEWIS, MARY JANE, deceased**

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**McCULLUM, FRANCES, deceased**

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*Attorney:* John J. Shimek, III, Esquire, Sterrett Mott Breski & Shimek, 345 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

**McINTYRE, MARY JANET, a/k/a MARY J. McINTYRE, a/k/a MARY McINTYRE, a/k/a JANET McINTYRE, deceased**

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**MILLER, GLENN G., deceased**

Late of 3004 Rustic Lane, Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania  
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**PRICE, E. EUGENE, deceased**

Late of the City of Erie, Erie County  
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**RATCLIFF, ASELINE, deceased**

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania  
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*Attorney:* Justin L. Magill, Esq., 2820 W. 23rd Street, Erie, PA 16506

**SHEPARD, NORMA LUCILLE, a/k/a NORMA L. SHEPARD, a/k/a NORMA SHEPARD, deceased**

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**STRIGHT, MAXINE R., a/k/a MAXINE STRIGHT, deceased**

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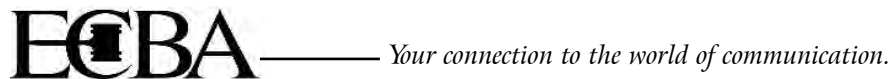
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## Zoom Services



### WHAT IS ZOOM?

Zoom conferencing brings together people at different locations around the country and around the world. Our Zoom conferencing account can connect with one location or with multiple locations, providing an instantaneous connection to facilitate meetings, interviews, depositions and much more.

### WHY USE ZOOM?

Business can be conducted without the expense and inconvenience of travel, overnight accommodations and time out of the office when using our Zoom conferencing system.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE COMMON USES OF ZOOM?

Depositions, employment interviews, seminars, training sessions — the list of possibilities is endless.

### I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ZOOM. CAN I SEE HOW IT WORKS?

Certainly. Call the ECBA at 814-459-3111 to schedule a complimentary demonstration.

### HOW DO I SCHEDULE THE USE OF THE ECBA'S ZOOM SERVICES?

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### WHAT DOES IT COST?

#### RATES:

##### Non-ECBA Members:

*\$150/hour (minimum 1 hour)*

*M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

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*\$100/hour (minimum 1 hour)*

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**NY lawyer receives nearly 5-year prison sentence for defrauding 9-year-old** - A federal judge has sentenced a New York lawyer to 57 months in prison for his involvement in a scheme to commit mail and wire fraud against a 9-year-old girl. Judge Joan Azrack of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on Thursday also ordered Vincent J. Trimarco Jr. to pay restitution in the amount of \$1.5 million and forfeiture in the amount of \$1.5 million, according to Breon Peace, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, and Michael Driscoll, the assistant director-in-charge of the FBI's New York Field Office, who announced the sentence. Read more ... <https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/new-york-lawyer-receives-nearly-5-year-prison-sentence-for-defrauding-9-year-old>

**ABA and 2 former ABA presidents to be recognized for promoting rule of law** - The World Jurist Association is recognizing the ABA and past ABA presidents Patricia Lee Refo and Hilarie Bass for their work to promote the rule of law in a ceremony on December 3 in Barranquilla, Colombia. Refo, a partner with law firm Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, and Bass, the president and founder of the Bass Institute for Diversity & Inclusion in Miami, will receive the Medal of Honor during the World Law Congress. The two-day conference brings together more than 2,000 global leaders to discuss the legal profession's role in addressing current events. Read more ... <https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/aba-and-2-former-presidents-to-be-recognized-for-promoting-rule-of-law>

**In the coming 'Metaverse', there may be excitement but there certainly will be legal issues** - The concept of the "metaverse" has garnered much press coverage of late, addressing such topics as the new appetite for metaverse investment opportunities, a recent virtual land boom, or just the promise of it all, where "crypto, gaming and capitalism collide." The term "metaverse," which comes from Neal Stephenson's 1992 science fiction novel "Snow Crash," is generally used to refer to the development of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies, featuring a mashup of massive multiplayer gaming, virtual worlds, virtual workspaces, and remote education to create a decentralized wonderland and collaborative space. The grand concept is that the metaverse will be the next iteration of the mobile internet and a major part of both digital and real life. Read more ... <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/coming-metaverse-there-may-be-excitement-there-certainly-will-be-legal-issues>

**Supreme Court struggles to apply "Twiqbal" in retirement plan fee cases** - The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Hughes v. Northwestern University*, No. 19-1401, just one of about 150 similar class action suits filed around the country in the last few years. The case was brought by retirement plan participants alleging that plan fiduciaries breached their duties under ERISA relating to recordkeeping and investment fees charged to plan participants. Specifically, Plaintiffs alleged that Northwestern breached its ERISA-imposed duty of prudence by (1) paying excessive recordkeeping fees (using multiple recordkeepers and allowing recordkeeping fees to be paid through revenue sharing); and (2) offering mutual funds with excessive investment management fees. Read more ... <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/supreme-court-struggles-to-apply-twiqbal-retirement-plan-fee-cases>



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