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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY
FORTY FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE: 45TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER COVID-19

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: SUPREME COURT
: DOCKETING

REAL ESTATE SHERIFF SALES



EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of May, 2020, pursuant to this Court's Declaration of Judicial Emergency dated March 16, 2020, effective through and including April 30, 2020, and this Court's Order dated April 22, 2020 extending general closure to May 31, 2020, and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Declaration of Judicial Emergency and Supplemental Orders dated March 16, 2020, March 18, 2020 and April 1, 2020, at Nos. 531 and 532 J.A.D. ("Supreme Court Orders") that close all Pennsylvania Courts to the public generally through at least April 30, 2020, and this Court's Administrative Order dated April 20, 2020 ("Lackawanna Administrative Orders"), that limit access to judicial facilities in the 45th Judicial District and limit proceedings to those listed as emergencies in said Orders; after consideration of the recommendations and guidelines issued by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, numerous local and regional medical experts

consulted by this Court; in furtherance of the mandate of Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administrative 1952(B)(2) that the President Judge “take necessary action to provide for the . . . safety of court personnel, court users and the public . . .”, and following a careful balance of the public’s right to access to courts against health, safety, and welfare concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic that necessitate the Emergency Orders, We hereby AUTHORIZE and ORDER the following:

1. All Real Estate Sheriff Sales previously scheduled for June 9, 2020 are continued to October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lackawanna County Courthouse, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

2. All Real Estate Sheriff Sales previously scheduled for July 7, 2020 are also continued to October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lackawanna County Courthouse, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

3. No new service of notice or oral public announcement of the Sheriff’s Sale is required under Pa.R.C.P. 3129.3 pursuant to this Court’s Declaration of Judicial Emergency and Orders dated March 16, 2020 and March 18, 2020 suspending any such notice requirements.

4. Sheriff’s personnel shall post this Court Order of the continued sale dates of June 9, 2020 and July 7, 2020 at the public entrance of the Lackawanna County Courthouse and the Lackawanna County Government Center and arrange for posting

on both of the County and Court websites.

5. A copy of this Order continuing the June 9, 2020 and July 7, 2020 Sheriff Sales to October 13, 2020 shall be recorded in the Lackawanna County Clerk of Judicial Records Office.

6. All cases currently scheduled on the June or July 2020 sales, including those which have previously been postponed to those dates, may be postponed by the Plaintiff to a regularly scheduled sale date on October 13, 2020 or any regularly scheduled sale thereafter. Requests for postponement under this paragraph shall be made in writing to the Lackawanna County Sheriff's Office on or before June 5, 2020. The Sheriff shall abate the postponement fee one time for each sale case number.

7. All postponed sales resulting from this Order shall be considered without defect and properly held pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 3129, *et. seq.*



Michael J. Barrasse, P.J.