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range of issues across a number of industries, the firm has gained significant recognition for its work in the area of health care law, where it represents medical practices, hospitals, and managed care organizations, among other groups of health care practitioners. Notably, the firm has been ranked Tier 1 in Pittsburgh for health care law by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms."

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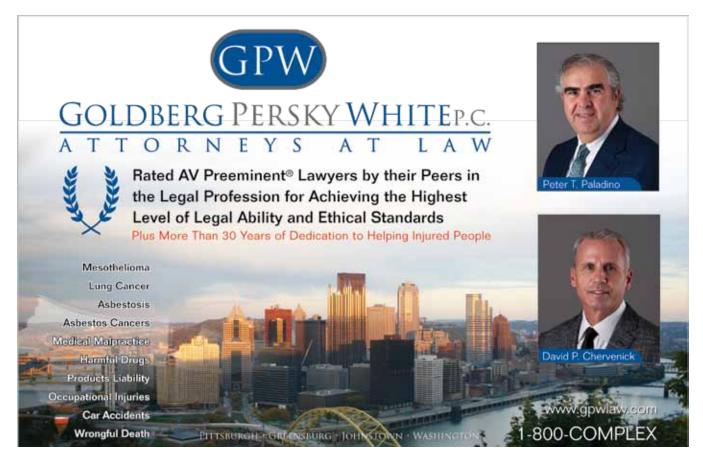
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#### FEDERAL JUDGE LEGALIZES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE (AND DIVORCE) IN PENNSYLVANIA

On May 20, United States Federal District Judge John E. Jones III struck down Pennsylvania's ban on gay marriage, making the state the last in the Northeast to recognize gay marriage. "In future generations, the label same-sex marriage will be abandoned, to be replaced simply by marriage," Jones wrote in his ruling. "We are a better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history."

Jones's ruling barred authorities from preventing same-sex couples from getting marriage licenses, and it ensured that couples married in other states would have their marriages recognized by the state. Governor Tom Corbett declined to appeal Jones's ruling, spurring an appeal filed by Theresa Santai-Gaffney, a court official in Schuylkill County.

In July, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Santai-Gaffney's appeal, on the grounds that she did not have standing to dispute the ruling. Santai-Gaffney said she planned to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. "We believe Theresa is a proper party, and we believe that intervention is appropriate," said Randy Wenger of the Independence Law Center, who is serving as Santai-Gaffney's attorney. "She's an elected official charged with carrying out the marriage law. Therefore, she has a unique interest in the judicial review of this law. So, this is not the end of the road for us, and it shouldn't be. The people of Pennsylvania deserve to have adequate review of this law."

While many couples celebrated Jones's ruling by filing for marriage licenses, others cheered on the decision for a different reason. Before the ruling, gay couples who had married in other states but resided in Pennsylvania were unable to legally petition for divorce, since the state was not able to grant divorces for marriages it did not recognize. The state of legal limbo meant that some gay couples were still filing taxes as married couples, even years after they had split. continued on page 7



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#### **RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS** AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Remember risk management when running your business, with the goal of preventing possible lawsuits. Look at your company's policies and procedures, keep employees trained and educated, and implement corporate compliance programs.

#### **CORPORATE COMPLIANCE**

Take corporate compliance programs seriously, and review areas needing compliance coverage. Programs ensure that workplace rules and regulations for areas such as workplace safety and employee conduct are followed and enforced. Employees need to know what's expected of them, how to deal with problems and how to get help from management.

#### **INSURANCE**

Insurance is a key component in planning against business lawsuits. You should at least have a comprehensive general liability policy. Other types of insurance may be required by law, such as workers' compensation insurance.

#### YOUR BUSINESS LAWYER AND YOUR PREVENTION PLAN

An ongoing relationship with your lawyer puts you in control if your business faces a lawsuit. If your business is sued, the law sets clocks running, and you have a limited time to respond. It's a tremendous relief to have legal help you can turn to and trust.



#### **JUDGES SHUT DOWN RIDE-SHARE SERVICES IN PITTSBURGH**

Ride sharing services such as Uber and Lyft have spurred protests in London and lawsuits in San Francisco. In June, the conflict about the ride share start-ups spread to Pittsburgh, where two judges issued cease-and-desist orders to both Uber and Lyft. The order came one day before the busy July 4th holiday weekend.

In June, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission filed a petition against the two start-ups, arguing that they should not be able to operate without Certificates of Public Convenience. Judges Mary D. Long and Jeffrey A. Watson agreed with the petition, issuing the cease-and-desist orders to both companies "until they secure the appropriate authority" from the PUC.

"We are disappointed by the PUC's actions, as Uber has been working in good faith with state officials for months to create modern regulations that will give consumers access to the safest rides on the road," Uber said in a statement. "Pennsylvania regulators should be standing up for innovation, consumer choice and job growth—not the status quo."

Even before the judges' ruling, police in Pittsburgh had been targeting Uber and Lyft drivers in sting operations. Officers would use both applications to appeal for rides, then ask drivers who responded to produce the required license for transporting passengers for hire. If they were unable to do so, the officers would issue a fine.

Ride share services faced similar legal obstacles in Colorado, where the legislature recently passed a law making it legal for them to operate in the state. Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto hopes that Pennsylvania does the same. "I am confident it is one that I and other supporters of new business models will ultimately win," he said in a statement. "Technologies like ride sharing evolve with the times, and state regulators must, too."

#### **FAMILY SUES AFTER WORKER DIES IN CHEVRON** FRACKING EXPLOSION

In February, an explosion at a natural gas well in Dunkard Township, 70 miles south of Pittsburgh, caused a fire that burned for days. The explosion, which regulators called one of the worst oil and gas disasters in the state's modern history, resulted in the death of 27-year-old subcontractor Ian McKee. In July, the McKee family filed suit against Chevron Appalachia LLC, the company in charge of the well pad that exploded.

McKee's parents hired the Pittsburgh-based personal injury firm Gismondi & Associates to represent them. "We filed the claim because it enables us a legal right to demand information from Chevron," attorney John P. Gismondi said. "They have all this information, and they don't have to release it. This is the only real way we can issue subpoenas, compel a judge, or, you know, compel Chevron to produce information." After the explosion, Chevron made headlines by mailing an apology letter to local residents. The letter included gift certificates for pizza and soft drinks, a move considered by many to be insensitive. A petition calling for Chevron to apologize garnered more than 12,000 signatures in the weeks following the explosion.

The cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

#### **SEX OFFENDER LAWS FACE CHALLENGES**

In Allegheny County and across the nation, sex offender laws are facing challenges from petitioners. The Pennsylvania version of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, which was enacted in 2012, expanded the number of offenses that require registration on the federal sex offender list. Certain offenders who had accepted plea deals prior to 2012 found themselves on the sex offender registry thanks to the law's expansion; some of them are petitioning to have their names removed. But some legal officials argue that the new law is fair, and should be applied to previous offenders as well.

Lawrence Jones was arrested in 2011 for having a sexual relationship with a 15 year-old girl. According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, he pled no contest to misdemeanor counts of indecent assault and corruption of minors, and was sentenced to two years of probation. But when the state's new sex offender law went into effect, he learned that he would also be listed on the sex offender registry for 25 years. "I would not have pled [no contest] if I had been told that this was a possibility," he wrote in his appeal. "I am not guilty and would have gone to trial. I am not receiving the benefit of the [plea] bargain." Jones's initial appeal was rejected, and he re-filed his petition with the state Superior Court.

In May, the court decided in his favor. "Neither party to the negotiated plea could have anticipated the imposition of more severe sanctions ... than stated on ... the record," the court wrote in its ruling. "Based upon this agreement, Jones sacrificed his fundamental constitutional rights [to a jury trial]. He cannot fairly be denied the benefit of his bargain."

"Pennsylvania regulators should be standing up for innovation, consumer choice and job growth—not the status quo."

— UBER PRESS STATEMENT

David Freed, president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, disagreed with the court's decision, arguing that fewer than 10 cases involved plea bargains that were specifically designed to avoid having to register under the previous sex offender law. "They perceive this as unfair, and they're trying to find a way to make this guy not have to register," Freed told the Post-Gazette. "[But] the law says he should be required to register." Dozens of similar cases are currently working their way through Pennsylvania courts.

### **COURTS TO DECIDE WHETHER POLICE OFFICERS**

Since 1902, Pittsburgh Police Department officers have been required to live within city limits. But a new state law from 2012 opened up the possibility of relaxing that requirement, something the Fraternal Order of Police support, but many city officials do not.

The 2012 law, the Public Employee Relations Act, says that police officers "may" have to live in the city; the previous iteration of the law said that an officer "shall" be a city resident. According to the Fraternal Order of Police's attorney, Eric Stoltenberg, this change in language should mean that the residency requirement can be up for debate during the contract bargaining process. The FOP wants officers to be able to live with 25 air miles from downtown Pittsburgh.

But city officials contested this demand, citing a 2013 referendum in which city voters affirmed the residency rule. "Our citizens can dictate certain rules, obligations, requirements for how things can happen around here," said Assistant City Solicitor Wendy Kobee.

The case was presided over by Judge Robert J. Colville of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. A decision was expected by mid-July.

# CHALLENGING A WILL MAY LEAVE YOU WITH NOTHING

hallenging a will is difficult, but it can be done. You can challenge a will if facts indicate that the will was not properly made or was the result of fraud, mistake, or improper influence on the person who prepared the will—referred to as the "decedent" after death.

#### **LACK OF CAPACITY**

A valid will requires that the decedent possessed "testamentary capacity," sometimes referred to as having a "sound mind," at the time the will was made. There are five components to testamentary capacity that must be present for a will to be valid.

- Age: One must be of majority age (usually over 18).
- Will: To make a will, one must know what a will is and that they are making a will.
   It must also be understood that property transfers only after death.
- o Family: One must know who deserves to inherit their property. Often, people would like to make sure that their pets are cared for after they die. Since pets are technically considered property, they can be left to someone in the will. Usually a trust is created in these circumstances, in order to take care of pet expenses, such as veterinary care, food, etc. The big advantage of creating a trust in this case is that the decendent can describe in detail what the trust is to be used for, when the trust will end or what to do if the caretaker misuses trust funds.
- Property: One must know the general nature and extent of ones' property. A person who owns a houseboat, not a ranch in the mountains, can leave a houseboat to an heir. If that person wants to leave a ranch that isn't their property to someone, that's not considered testamentary capacity. Any deviation from reality weakens the capacity for their will to be declared valid and could be contested.
- o Plan: Another factor in creating a well-rounded and valid will is the ability to construct a plan to distribute property with the knowledge of family, property and what a will is. The plan may be eccentric, unusual or unnatural, but if it's coherent, the requirement of testamentary capacity is met. A sample will that is made without testamentary capacity

is one where a person leaves half of their property to a brother, half to a sister and half to their parents. Since you can't have three halves, this would indicate a lack of that capacity. Mental illness doesn't necessarily prevent a person from making a will. Someone with a mental illness may be able to make a will when he isn't suffering from the symptoms of mental illness, called a lucid interval. It's also true that an insane delusion, a belief contrary to all evidence ("I give my son the gold crown given to me when I was the King of the Canada"), doesn't prevent a person from making a will. The delusion only invalidates the affected parts of the will (that is, the testator's son does not get a gold crown since there isn't one).

#### **UNDUE INFLUENCE**

A challenge of undue influence means the decedent did not make the will of free choice, but solely due to the improper influence of another person. A common situation that leads to such a challenge is where a lone sibling cares for an infirm parent, and the caregiver sibling receives a greater portion of the parent's estate than other siblings. This is particularly true if the parent has changed the will while under the care of the sibling and if this fact was kept secret from the other siblings.

#### **FRAUD OR MISTAKE**

A will can be challenged for fraud, such as when pages have been inserted after the decedent signed the will or the decedent's signature is forged. If the will was not executed properly, with only one witness signature when two are required, for example, the will can be challenged as invalid. Sometimes a will that has been previously revoked is mistakenly (or purposefully) submitted for probate. This version will be rejected when the superseding will is provided.

## CHALLENGES ARE HANDLED IN PROBATE COURT

You challenge a will by filing an appropriate petition in the state probate court that has control over the decedent's estate. The type of petition, the basis for the challenge, and the likely results depend on the state law where the court is located. Each state's law has its own rules, which can differ.



### DISADVANTAGE OF CHALLENGING A WILL

Challenging a will because you believe your inheritance should be greater involves a risk of violating the "no-contest clause." If you fail, the will is valid and the no-contest clause will prevent you from receiving the inheritance left to you. State law varies regarding the conditions under which a no-contest clause is valid.

#### STATE LAW MAY DICTATE

In the event that the decendent did not have a will, the state will use its "intestate succession" laws to determine who gets what. These laws apply different distribution formulas depending on whether the decendent was married and or had children. Rules vary among states.

## SELECTING A GOOD WILLS & PROBATE LAWYER

The law surrounding challenges to a will is complicated. It is a good idea to find a lawyer to help you get through the process.

Generally, there are two types of probate lawyers: those who handle the administrative side of probates - transactional, and those who represent clients in lawsuits, called probate litigators. Usually, a lawyer who handles transactional side of probates may be your best bet. In many instances, lawyers with expertise in trusts and estate planning are also good at probate matters.

You'll want to hire the attorney who also know enough about other fields to question whether the action being taken might be affected by laws in any other areas of law. For example, if the decedent had extensive real estate holdings, the lawyer should also know something about real property law.





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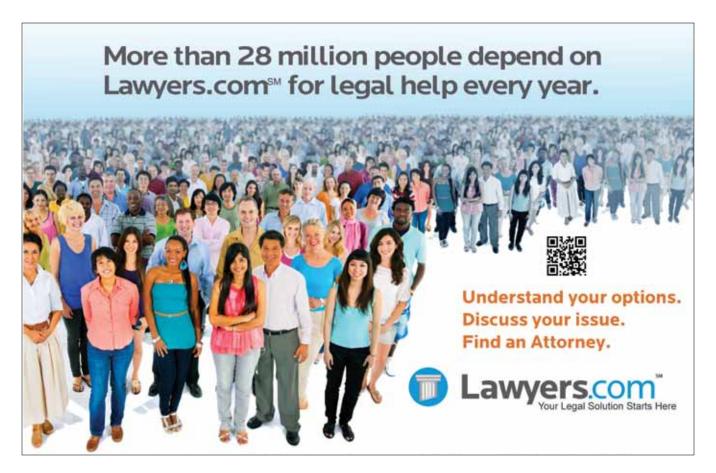
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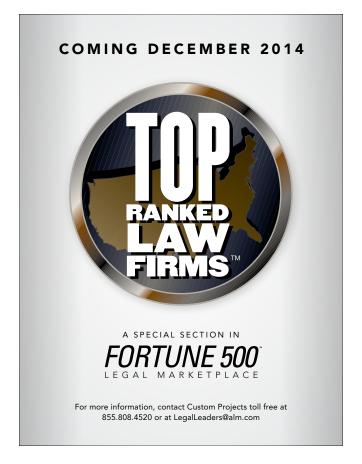
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