

Message to the Bar

A Judicial Emergency for Bucks County was declared by President Judge Wallace H. Bateman, Jr., on March 17, 2020. Accordingly, the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court is open **ONLY** for emergency matters and filings through at least April 14, 2020. This time period is subject to change or extension without notice.

In an effort to accommodate essential Court matters while respecting the mandates of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners (including the Covid-19 Human Resources Policy of March 13, 2020 and the Declaration of Disaster and Emergency of March 18, 2020), the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court is participating in social distancing and safety protocols which include the following:

1. All business is by appointment only.
2. Only emergency matters will be accepted for appointment
3. Before seeking an appointment, we ask the Bar and public to seriously consider whether the specific matter at issue would be considered exigent circumstances by an objective observer.
4. **Access to the Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court office on the Sixth Floor of the Administration Building is now limited.** A system is being implemented by which all emergency business before the Register/Clerk will be conducted in an alternative reception area on the Second Floor of the Administration Building. All visitors, **including members of the bar with passes allowing access to the Administration Building**, are asked to check in with the security officers. Security will then call our office, or you can call us at (215) 348-6265. A member of our staff will meet you at the Second Floor alternative reception area to conduct business or make other appropriate arrangements.

This Message is subject to change without notice based on evolving circumstances and further directives of the Court and Board of Commissioners. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to assist in efforts to slow transmission of the Coronavirus.

-Linda Bobrin, Esquire
Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court