

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: Dept. of Court Records –
Register of Wills/Orphans' Court Div.
DIRECTOR OF COURT RECORDS Administrative Docket
No. 1 of 2008

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 7th day of January, 2008, this Court recognizes that: (a) on December 6, 2004, the Allegheny County Council duly passed Ordinance No. 38-04-OR; (b) on December 15, 2004, the Allegheny County Chief Executive signed Ordinance No. 38-04-OR into law; (c) Ordinance No. 38-04-OR authorized the placement of a ballot question on the May 17, 2005, municipal primary ballot, which, if passed by the electorate of Allegheny County, would amend and modify the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter by, *inter alia*, abolishing the elected Row Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills and replacing them with a single appointed office of Director of Court Records, which would be vested with all the power and authority that all applicable law, including without limitation, 16 P.S. § 4301, *et seq.*, 20 Pa.C.S.A. § 901, *et seq.*, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 2731, *et seq.*, and 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 2751, *et seq.*, had vested in the elected Row Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills; (d) the ballot question authorized by Ordinance No. 38-04-OR was approved by the electorate of Allegheny County in the May 17, 2005, municipal primary election and the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter was amended in accordance with Ordinance No. 38-04-OR; and (e) the amendment

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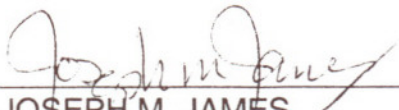
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to the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter with respect to the abolition of the elected Row Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills becomes effective on January 7, 2008.

FURTHER, in order to provide for the orderly transition from the abolished elected Row Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills to the newly created appointed office of Director of Court Records, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that: (a) effective January 7, 2008, all power and authority previously vested in the elected Row Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills under all applicable law, including without limitation, 16 P.S. § 4301, *et seq.*, 20 Pa.C.S.A. § 901, *et seq.*, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 2731, *et seq.*, and 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 2751, *et seq.*, is now vested in the appointed office of Director of Court Records, pursuant to the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, as amended; and (b) all documents, orders, instruments, and other papers issued by the Director of the Allegheny County Department of Court Records on or after January 7, 2008, that are printed on forms of the abolished elected offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and/or Register of Wills, or that bear the signature and/or seal of the individuals who held the offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and/or Register of Wills immediately prior to the abolition of those offices, shall have the same legal effect as if such documents, orders, instruments and other papers were printed on forms of the Department of Court Records and/or bear the signature and/or seal of the Director of Court Records, until such time as the Director of Court Records provides this Court with written notice that all forms, signatures and seals of the

abolished elected offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts and Register of Wills have been fully and completely transitioned to the newly created appointed office of Director of Court Records. Said written notice to the Court shall be filed in the Office of Court Records.

BY THE COURT:



JOSEPH M. JAMES
PRESIDENT JUDGE