LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Application of DIXIE MICHELLE KRIEG to Change Her Name

Case No. CV-2025-2554
NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearing is scheduled on the Petition for Name Change filed herein on the 4th day of December, 2025 at 1:30 before Judge Ogden.

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Re: The Name of: Lily Mae Taylor

CV-2025-2582
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Lily Mae Taylor has petitioned to change his/her name to Lily Mae Dansereau-Taylor.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 1:30 o'clock p.m. on the 12th day of November, 2025, before Judge Mai at 1:30 o'clock in courtroom #709 at the Oklahoma County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
BY DEPUTY
(SEAL)

APPROVED:
/s/ Lily Mae Taylor

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The Name of: Patrick William McGurn

Case No. CV-2025-2591
NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Patrick William McGurn has petitioned to change his/her name to William Edward Fitzgerald.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 1:30 o'clock P.M. on the 4th day of December, 2025, before Judge Stinson in his/her courtroom in the Oklahoma County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
BY DEPUTY
(SEAL)

APPROVED:
/s/ Patrick McGurn

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KRYSTAL MARIE WARDEN Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-191
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE AND PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that Tammy Spradlin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Krystal Marie Warden, Deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the administration of said estate and Petition for order allowing same, determination of heirs, final settlement, distribution and final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of same has been set by this Court for the 1st day of December, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the courtroom of the Oklahoma County District Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before the undersigned Judge, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Krystal Marie Warden, Deceased, determined, said estate settled and distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2025.

KAREN AGUILAR
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
By Deputy
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON LEE KOONCE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-783
NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that CHRIS WARREN KOONCE, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of SHARON LEE KOONCE, Deceased, has filed his Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, Expenses, and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 8th day of December, 2025, at 1:30 P.M., in the District Courtroom of the Oklahoma County Courthouse at 320 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, State of Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses approved.

DATED this 8th day of October, 2025.

KAREN AGUILAR
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES STEPHAN, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-839
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of JAMES STEPHAN, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against JAMES STEPHAN, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to JUSTIN STEPHAN, Personal Representative, at the law offices of STEVEN D. KAESTNER, P.C., addressed to KAREN VOLZ, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: December 10, 2025, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 8th day of October, 2025.

JUSTIN STEPHAN,
Personal Representative

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL RAY BERGSTRASSER, SR. Deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-1164
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against Michael Ray Bergstrasser, SR., Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Personal Representative of the above referenced estate at the law offices of ChristianM. Zeaman, P.C., 16408 Muirfield Place, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013, on or before the following presentment date: December 22, 2025, or same will be forever barred.

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OKC felon gets 7 years for firing weapon in yard

Davy Eugene King, 52, of Oklahoma City, has been sentenced to serve 90 months in federal prison for illegal possession of a firearm after a previous felony conviction, announced U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester.

According to public record, on February 2, 2025, and into the early morning hours of February 3, 2025, officers with the Oklahoma City Police Department (OCPD) responded to a home due to a reported shooting. The calling party told OCPD that King had become argumentative, had exited the home, and began firing his weapon at others and into the air before fleeing the scene. Nobody was injured. Shortly after, OCPD officers spotted King inside a nearby gas station and surrounded the convenience store. Officers witnessed King pull out a firearm and throw the gun across the counter before he was arrested.

Public record further reflects that King has numerous previous felony convictions in Oklahoma County District Court, including second-degree murder in case number CF-1990-5376, possession of a stolen vehicle in case number CF-2014-4630, attempted grand larceny in case number CF-2014-5432, and domestic abuse (great bodily injury after former felony conviction) in case number CF-2014-2946.

On March 4, 2025, a federal Grand Jury charged King with illegal possession of a firearm after a previous felony conviction. King pleaded guilty on April 19, 2025, and admitted he possessed a firearm despite his previous felony convictions.

At the sentencing hearing on September 17, 2025, U.S. District Judge Scott L. Palk sentenced King to serve 90 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. In announcing his sentence, Judge Palk noted King's long criminal history, which includes violent and domestic violence offenses, and emphasized the seriousness of the offense given that King not only illegally possessed the weapon, but fired it, as well.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Oklahoma City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) Laney Ellis prosecuted the case.

Critics say customer-owned workers' comp carrier could become stock company

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Oklahoma Watch

CompSource Mutual Insurance Co. President and Chief Financial Officer Steve Hardin reads a prepared statement at a public comment meeting at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on Thursday, Aug. 28.

A hush-hush plan to convert CompSource Mutual to a stock company has been challenged by a policyholder and a law firm who argue the proposal for Oklahoma's largest workers' comp insurer amounts to a raid on CompSource's $1 billion surplus for an aggressive expansion plan.

A class-action lawsuit, brought by Oklahoma City law firm Whitten Burrage, ongoing for four years, alleges that CompSource's $1 billion surplus holdings have accrued, at least in part, from decades of bundling of phantom policies that never pay out on claims.

Speaking through statements issued by a public relations firm, CompSource claimed to have no intention to sell shares in the new company. However, the statements masked a complicated reorganization scheme that would give a subsidiary of the newly formed company the ability to issue shares.

An Oklahoma Watch investigation revealed that prior to the conversion plan being submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department for approval, CompSource had begun selling multiple lines of insurance in Oklahoma, and had been approved to do business in multiple lines of insurance in at least 10 other states, with applications submitted to dozens more.

Constitutional attorney Bob Burke, who said he has been a CompSource policyholder for more than 40 years, expressed dire concerns over both the portion of CompSource's cash holdings that would be transferred from policyholders to the new corporation and the potential 49% of shares of the new company that could become available to outside investors.

"Somebody is going to make a zillion dollars," Burke said.

Burke expressed doubt about the sincerity of CompSource's claim that no shares will be sold for six months after the conversion plan is approved.

"That's part of the story," Burke said. "But their documents reveal that it is an intermediate step. They are misleading, because they don't tell the rest of the story."

The Wheatley Mine No. 4 Explosion

On Oct. 27, 1929, an explosion at Wheatley Mine No. 4 in McAlester took the lives of 30 coal miners. Lawsuits stemming from the accident resulted in the dissolution and sale of Samples Coal Co., which operated the mine. Less than a month later came Black Tuesday, the beginning of the 1929 stock market crash.

Four years later, seemingly in response to horrific workplace accidents like the McAlester disaster and because the Great Depression resulted in insurers refusing to write workers' comp policies despite employers' statutory obligation to provide benefits, the precursor to CompSource, the State Insurance Fund, was set up with an initial infusion of $25,000 of government money, the equivalent of about $623,000 in 2025.

For decades, the State Insurance Fund remained the insurer of last resort for Oklahoma businesses required to carry workers' comp coverage but unable to secure a policy from a private company. Eventually rebranded CompSource, the organization operated as a quasi-governmental public option, which was never intended to seek profits for itself.

If the conversion plan succeeds, workers' comp rates could increase for about one-third of the state's workers' comp policies, critics said.

Another Explosion, More Lawsuits

On Sept. 29, 2006, Jack Foran, an employee of Okemah-based Double M Construction Company Inc., died in an explosion in Labette County, Kansas, when a piece of machinery hit an inadequately marked 10-inch natural gas pipeline.

Foran's widow, Oneta Foran, sued Double M when CompSource refused to pay on Part Two of their coverage; CompSource argued that Part Two applied only if an employer either desired to bring about an injury or had knowledge that such an injury was substantially certain to occur.

Subsequent to that action, Oneta Foran's attorney, Terry West of Shawnee, executed an about-face and represented Double M in an effort to launch a class-action lawsuit, claiming that CompSource's Part Two coverage was illusory.

In other words, the plaintiffs argued, CompSource was selling insurance with no intention of paying out on claims, slowly accumulating a huge cash reserve.

In 2011, a district judge in Oklahoma County denied class certification, ruling entirely in favor of CompSource.

Everything is Owned by Policyholders

Two years later, lawmakers considered privatizing the company. Instead, they decided to convert the former State Insurance Fund into CompSource Mutual, a mutual insurance company owned by policyholders.

That effort was challenged in court by Tulsa attorney and one-time leader of the Oklahoma Senate, Stratton Taylor. Taylor argued in Tulsa Stockyards v. Clark that a move of $265 million of state agency funds to a mutual company violated a prohibition against gifts of public money, among other constitutional wrongs.

Taylor lost the Tulsa Stockyards decision at the Oklahoma Supreme Court, which approved the mutualization and upheld previous rulings that found that CompSource funds did not belong to the state; everything the newly minted CompSource Mutual owned was actually owned by its policyholders.

A New Class Action

In 2020, a decade after class-action certification was denied in the Double M case, Whitten Burrage won class certification for an ongoing lawsuit that asks the same question of illusory Part Two coverage. The suit alleges that $100 million has been wrongly collected since 1978 in sales of a policy upon which CompSource never intended to pay out.

Oklahoma Watch's investigation discovered an application submitted by CompSource to secure licensing in Texas. The application attests to a vigorous effort to fight the class-action lawsuit, but acknowledges unpredictable vulnerability.

"The ultimate disposition of (the class action) could have a material adverse effect on CompSource Mutual's financial condition," the application reads, adding that it was not possible to accurately estimate the potential financial liability.

Flying Under the Radar

CompSource Mutual's latest transformation is in stark contrast to a bruising legislative battle and subsequent Oklahoma Supreme Court decisions more than a decade ago, when lawmakers considered selling off the company.

The decade since it became a mutual insurance company has been good for CompSource Mutual. The company more than doubled its surplus, from $428 million in 2015 to $971 million in 2024, according to annual reports filed with the Insurance Department.

In the past five years, the dollar value of premiums written by CompSource Mutual for workers' comp policies averaged about $202 million each year. At the same time, annual claims averaged $133 million per year.